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Sir Sandford doesn't know how many jobs to be cut in restructuring

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Sir Sandford Fleming College administrators are uncertain how many employees at the Haliburton campus will lose their jobs to restructuring.

The college plans to chop 13 of its post secondary programs and an undetermined number of staff at its four campuses in an attempt to offset \$10-million in federal and provincial funding cuts over the next two years.

College president Brian Desbiens says he likely won't know how many positions at each of the campuses will be eliminated until some time early in the New Year.

"We will be sitting down with the employee stability committee over the next month to try to figure out how we can minimize staff cuts," he said Friday.

However, Haliburton campus principal Barb Bolin anticipates the layoffs will affect only part-time staff at the campus, leaving the seven full-timers' jobs protected for now.

Positions in all areas of opera-

tions, from administration to instruction, are under review as the college tries to trim its expenditures.

"I've asked every manager to give me a plan to save 20 per cent," said Desbiens.

In addition to staff cuts, the college hopes to save \$5-million in two years by phasing out 13 of its educational programs and reducing post-secondary enrolment by five per cent for each of the next two school years.

The only post-secondary program the college offers at the Haliburton campus — an eco-tourism course introduced in 1994 — will continue to be offered.

And the popular Haliburton School of Fine Arts, an important revenue generator for the campus, will also be left alone by restructuring plans.

"It has been a tremendous success story," said Desbiens. "It's very viable economically. It certainly pays for itself ... If it wasn't for the School of Fine Arts, we would have trouble

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Fearrey puts his name forward for warden

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The next year won't be easy, but the reeve who may become this county's next warden is not deterred.

"It's a challenge and an opportunity for Haliburton County to prove it can do these things," says Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, referring to the restructuring plan the county is about to embark on. "I think we've come to our future here."

The county's warden will be chosen by the 17 members of county council tonight (Tuesday) at a special meeting at Hyland Crest. Candidates, who can be any county councillor, do not need to put their names forward until the meeting so it's

not known whether anyone will run against Fearrey.

Leadership will be a required skill as the county faces the challenges of provincial funding cutbacks, county restructuring and a block of property owners who say they can neither tolerate nor afford an increase in taxes. Except for a hiatus of a couple of years, Fearrey has been on county council since 1973 and believes he can help steer council in the direction it must take in order to survive.

"There's no magic formula," he said in an interview with The Echo. "We have to assume we're starting (next year's budget) at zero and ask what is the amount of services we can

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AWAY IN A MANGER



Two-week-old Ronald Nicholls didn't seem very excited about portraying the baby Jesus Christ in a nativity skit presented by Stefan and Elena Bjelis at Stanhope's Christmas party on Saturday. More photos page 26.

Highlands blanketed in record depth of snow

Surprise, surprise! There's more snow on the ground today than there's ever been at this time of year.

So instead of grumbling about having to wipe off your car three times a day, you can rejoice in taking part in a record-breaking winter.

Weather watcher Jim Elstone

says there's 45 cm on the ground, which is a record for mid-December. About 15 cm fell over the weekend, but Elstone notes a 15 cm snowfall does not mean 15 cm accumulation. In fact, the light snow is contributing to a few problems because it's insulating the ground, slowing down the freez-

ing process. Lakes are still dangerous to traverse, he warns.

Indeed, it's because the water in the Great Lakes is warmer than the air that we're getting all this snow. Wind is picking up moisture from the lakes and cold temperatures turn it into snow

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Snow betrays robbery suspects

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

A fresh dump of snow early Thursday morning betrayed a pair of suspects in several Haliburton break-ins who were caught when police followed their tire tracks on Hwy. 118 for more than 75 kilometres.

Two 21-year-olds from Sault St. Marie are facing charges in connection with a break-in and theft at Easton's Valu-Mart Thursday, as well as a similar break-in at the store on Nov. 16.

Police have also charged the pair in connection with three break-ins at the grocery store last year, two break-ins at Sharpley Sports and one at the Haliburton IGA.

The suspects were arrested at a roadblock near Bracebridge with 92 cartons of cigarettes in their vehicle.

More than 100 cartons of smokes were stolen in the prior Valu-Mart robbery last month.

Both of the incidents were recorded on the store's security video cameras.

After the first break-in, store owner Mike Easton had followed car tracks in the snow from what he believed was the suspects' car west on Hwy. 118 until he lost them at the Vankoughnet.

Thursday morning at about 3 a.m. when he received the call from the alarm company that his store may have been broken into again, he rushed down to the scene in less than six minutes.

He found the store had indeed been robbed and again he found a set of tire tracks that looked to leading from his store, up main street and onto Hwy. 118 West.

This time he called the police. Based on information from the first break-in, Minden OPP Constables Rob Orlowski and Terry Allore suspected the pair was heading to the Huntsville area Thursday morning.

They called Bracebridge OPP to set up a roadblock on Hwy. 118, just before Hwy. 11, and set off in a "blinding snowstorm" following the only fresh set of tire tracks that led from Haliburton.

Their hunch paid off when the suspects drove straight into the road block at 4:45 a.m. and were arrested by Bracebridge OPP.

A few minutes later, Constables Orlowski and Allore arrived and brought the suspects back to Minden.

"It was a harrowing drive across (Hwy.) 118, but the end result was that we got them and Mike Easton's property, and we solved another crime from two weeks ago," said Const. Orlowski.

In the first break-in, the thieves were in and out of the store in less than three and a half minutes. The second lasted just over a minute.

Police say they found clothing worn by the men in the first robbery in the car driven by the suspects they arrested Thursday.

The two men each face two counts of break, enter and theft, as well as one count each of possession of stolen property.

Meanwhile, Minden OPP are looking for suspects in an early morning break-in at Haliburton's Liquor Store Monday. Thieves stole 52 bottles of liquor worth more than \$1,750 in the "smash and grab." Damage is estimated at \$1,000.



BREAKING A NASTY HABIT: Minden OPP Constables Rob Orlowski and Terry Allore followed the tracks of a car they believed was occupied by thieves who broke into Easton's Valumart in Haliburton early Thursday morning. With the help of the Bracebridge OPP, these cigarettes were later recovered from the car and two men have been charged with break, enter and theft.

Wilberforce chase leads to arrests

Police News

Police arrested two young men in connection with two cottage break-ins following a road chase from Wilberforce to Harcourt on Sunday.

A neighbour spotted the suspects, a 19-year-old and a 22-year-old, both from Oshawa, in a Tory Hill cottage they had reportedly broken into.

The neighbour called Minden OPP and gave officers the licence plate number of an ATV in the driveway.

Police were able to trace the licence and determine the vehicle had been reported stolen in Peterborough the same day.

Police arrived at the scene and tried to stop the suspects as they exited the cottage road.

However, the pair were able to get around the police cruiser and took off at a high rate of speed.

The suspects drove to Wilberforce where they abandoned their ATV, took another from a private garage and headed towards Harcourt.

Police followed their tracks in the snow the entire way until the suspects abandoned the second ATV and proceeded on foot to a cottage and broke in.

When police arrived, the pair were removing property from the dwelling.

The two men have been charged with numerous

offences, including break, enter and theft, and possession of stolen property.

Cottages tagged

Wilberforce Community Police Volunteers recently set out on a large scale cottage-tagging operation.

Using just about every mode of transportation available, but mainly their foot, they tagged 730 cottages. Volunteers found seven cottages insecure but no signs of break-ins.

Police and cottagers alike appreciate the efforts of these volunteers to help ensure properties are safe.

Municipal break-ins

There have been break-ins at two area municipal buildings, both on the same night.

During the evening of December 3/4, persons unknown broke into and ransacked the Bicroft municipal office, causing damages estimated at \$500.

At the Somerville roads yard in Burnt River, a 1984 Ford pick-up truck was stolen and used to haul off a 1994 Ford riding lawn mower, a snowblower, three chain saws, eight cases of Dexron ATF fluid, five cases of Petro Canada 15W40 oil, a green and white battery charger, two 20-litre pails of Petro Canada antifreeze, three cases of Petro Canada lube tubes for a grease gun, a five gallon gas can and work clothes.

The truck was recovered Monday near Sunderland - but not any of the other stolen items, which are valued at \$7,000.

OPP restructuring gains new convert

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

He might be doing himself out a job, but at least Dennis Edlington believes he's doing the right thing.

The staff sergeant of the Minden OPP has been working with his counterpart in Cobocok to merge the two detachments together. It's not yet known whether the detachment will be based in Minden or Cobocok, but wherever it is, it will only need one staff sergeant.

"I dug in my heels to start with but I've learned we can be doing things better," Edlington told county councillors who

met at Birch Point Lodge to start working out their own restructuring plan. It's not that the old way was wrong, he said, it's just that times have changed and the OPP must change with them.

"I may be working myself out of a job but you have to do what's best for the community.... Your communities are our first interest and we have to serve them with the resources we have. The will is there and it will be done and we will improve."

(If Edlington is no longer staff sergeant after restructuring, he will still have a job within the OPP.)

The OPP is undergoing a

province-wide restructuring to make it more efficient. Haliburton County started the process a few years ago by introducing community policing, and Edlington sees an expanded role for the program, which is more advanced here than in other parts of the province.

No matter where the detachment is based, "I don't see all officers reporting to work at one office," Edlington said. "My personal vision is they will report to the villages they want to work in."

As part of the restructuring, it hasn't been decided whether to keep administrative offices in both Minden and Cobocok.



Dennis Edlington

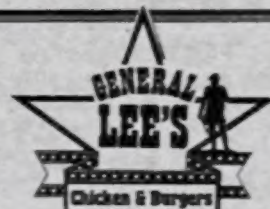
The building in Minden is leased while the OPP owns the one in Cobocok, but Edlington says there are other considera-

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News about people and events in Haliburton County

When Eleanor Hamilton read that Stanhope's roads department was going to be in the red because of all that white snow, she felt motivated to act. She told her reeve, Jock Mavor, that she would voluntarily get together a group of ratepayers who would pay part of their 1996 taxes early, as a way to provide money for the plows without having to borrow and rake up interest charges. Reeve Mavor told her the municipality was not in any financial difficulty yet but that her offer was most appreciated. "I thought it was a tremendous gesture and showed real public spiritedness," he told *The Echo* at Saturday's delightful children's party at the Firefighters Hall. Meanwhile, congratulations are to be extended to Darlene Johnson, who was named Stanhope's Citizen of the Year. She is one of the many volunteers who helped the firefighters raise money for the addi-

tion to the hall, which includes a large foyer and a marvellous new kitchen.

Here's another example of goodwill and public spiritedness: For the month of December, Rudy and Margaret Smit will donate \$1 to the Haliburton office of Kinark Child and Family Services for each entrée they sell at Rudy's Restaurant in Carnarvon. Fifty cents from each entrée will be donated to Kinark, and the Smits will personally match that amount.

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Christmas Open House on Tuesday, Dec. 19 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.. People are invited to see all the improvements which have been made to the interior

of the information centre on Hwy. 35 in Minden. A donation of a non-perishable food item or a child's toy for the 4Cs would be appreciated.

Canada's Governor General has announced a new award to recognize the efforts of the county's millions of volunteers. Nomination forms for the award will be made available in postal outlets across the country. Governor General Romeo LeBlanc also announced a competition to find a name and logo for the new vol-

unteer award. The logo will be used on the pins and certificates given to award recipients.

Competition rules and entry forms are available by calling 1-800-7552-1669. Entries must be postmarked by Jan. 19, 1996.

North America is running out of toll-free 800 numbers. To prevent a shortage, Bell will introduce an additional toll-free 888 number on March 1, 1996. Both toll-free numbers will offer customers the same rates and will work the same way. Further information call 1-800-611-4888.

Lots of snow falls on Highlands

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by the time the wind brings it inland. The amount of snow an area gets depends which way the wind is blowing and fortunately, much of Haliburton County missed the tremendous snowfall that Muskoka experienced. There have been reports, however, that Halls Lake got a foot of snow over the weekend.

The warm water also contributed to the frosty mist which enveloped Haliburton and much of Minden on Monday morning, creating a beautiful winter scene but making it a bit tricky for driving.

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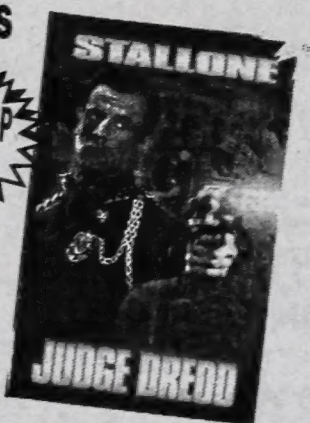
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Food banks face more demand, but generous community digs deeper

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The two women went into the 4Cs Food Bank Friday to give something back.

They didn't know each other. But they both knew what it felt like to have very little. And they knew what it was like to be helped through a rough spot by their friends and neighbours, as well as strangers.

This time it was their turn.

One gave the food bank \$25 and said she would do the same every year in return for the help she had received in the past. The second woman, who arrived on her own later in the afternoon, made a donation of \$50.

"It was amazing," said Bob Thompson, who helps co-ordinate the 4Cs food bank. "It just happened that they came in the same day. They came in within a couple hours of each other as well."

It's stories such as these that keep Thompson continually amazed by the community's generosity.

And this Christmas season, coming just after the province chopped welfare benefits by nearly 22 per cent, local food bank organizers say those in need will be forced to count on the help of the community more than ever.

Thompson predicts demand for Christmas food boxes at the

4Cs will be about twice as high as usual.

He expects between 250 and 300 families will request the packages, containing non-perishable food items, a food voucher and a couple small hand-wrapped gifts.

That could translate to as many as 1,000 people benefiting from the donations of food, money and gifts that are steadily coming into the 4Cs.

Ken Leonard, who organizes the Canadian Sunday School Mission Christmas food bank in Minden with his wife, Louise, is also anticipating a big jump in the number of people who will turn to the food bank this year.

The Mission food bank, which only operates at Christmas, has served between 100 and 110 families in the Minden area a year for the past couple years, said Leonard.

This Christmas, he expects between 120 and 150 families will need a little extra help to put a good meal on the table and a couple presents under the tree.

"Based on the number of calls we've got already, it looks like it's going to be a busy two weeks ahead," said Leonard.

The CSSM began taking requests for food boxes last Monday and had received calls from more than 40 families just two days later.

But while the number of people in need this Christmas sea-

son has grown dramatically, they will not be left to fend for themselves, say Thompson and Leonard.

Without any publicly announced food drives or pleas for extra assistance, schools, churches, service clubs, companies and individuals, such as the two women who wanted to repay the 4Cs for the help they had received, are coming forward to make sure no one is left wanting at Christmas.

"This community is such a generous community, they seem to be able to read the need," said Thompson. "It's very heartwarming to be a part of it all. The generosity is unbelievable."

"I think everyone that has helped us out in the past is digging a little deeper," Leonard said.

The 4Cs has established a very important link with the Peterborough Food Bank, which has shipped it a large amount of food, said Thompson.

In turn, the 4Cs has shared much of the food with the Leonards at the CSSM.

Requests to the 4Cs for Christmas food boxes must be made by Dec. 16. The 4Cs can be reached at 457-3331. The 4Cs will not deliver food boxes unless absolutely necessary.

For those in the Minden area, the cut-off date at the CSSM for Christmas box requests is Dec. 15. Call 286-5162.



A Heavenly Chorus

Victoria Street School students sang at the Christmas open house at the Rails' End Gallery on Sunday, much to the pleasure of two-and-a-half-year-old McKinnon Nelthorpe and the other Christmas revellers. Many schools are having special Christmas events in the next week and a half, bringing the spirit of Christmas alive through the eyes of children.

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Vigil honours the 14 women killed in 1989 "Montreal massacre"

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Six years after 14 women were murdered in Montreal, 14 black candles were lit in their memory with the hope the flame of life will not go out for other women who are victims of violence.

The December 6 vigil was sponsored by the Women's Safety Network in Haliburton. Twenty people – including two men and two children – gathered to honour the memories of the 14 female engineering students at L'Ecole Polytechnique who were shot by Marc Lepine on Dec. 6, 1989.

There was no formal agenda. Instead, people were invited to share their own thoughts, in song, word and silent prayer.

Zoe Chilco sang a song in memory of the "voices stilled to soon," and of the "healing grace" which will put an end to the violence.

Claire Sylvan read a poem about remembrance. She later remarked on the symbol of the candles lit in memory of the 14 women. A few years ago, the vigil was held outside Cordell Interiors on the main street of



KEEP THE MEMORY ALIVE: At Wednesday's vigil at the Women's Safety Network in Haliburton, Lynn Duncombe and Marilyn Mighton light a candle in memory of the 14 women shot in Montreal in 1989.

Haliburton. It was a cold and stormy day, similar to last Wednesday, and when the vigil was over, someone propped a candle, still burning, in a snow-bank. A few hours later, the candle had withstood the trials of winter and was still burning.

Marilou Mezzan read a Hawai'i in elders words about the power of healing, and how people must work through their feelings and take power of their lives.

Cindee St. Pierre of the Women's Safety Network read a

poem written by a woman who's presently in a shelter for abused women. She said the silence cannot last forever and that women must protect each other by speaking out against violence. For those who have been killed, these other women must be their voice.

The local president of the Federation of Women Teachers of Ontario, Chris Lynd, read a letter from the Federation's president who said that if the flame flickers, another must be lit.

Then, people in the room took

turns reading from a two-page list which described the deaths of women (and sometimes their children) who were killed by their male partners over the past year.

After all the names had been read, Jude King, who has counselled local victims of violence, said "today is the day to let it sink into your heart these women could have been your friends and neighbours" and that people must continue the struggle to have a peaceful community.

Horseshoe bridge reopens after repairs

After a two-month delay due mainly to bad weather, the bridge on County Rd. 20 over the narrows between Mountain and Horseshoe Lakes is once again open.

The contractor hired by the county is almost finished upgrading the old, single-lane bridge, but will need to return in the summer to finish off the \$162,000 project.

Though the upgrade work was slowed down when the contractor had difficulty getting a new beam to support the bridge's deck, the rains of October and snowfalls of November were the primary reasons the project went past its October deadline, said county roads engineer Les Shepherd.

"Mainly it's been a case of inclement weather. It's been hard to get the co-operation of Mother Nature," he said.

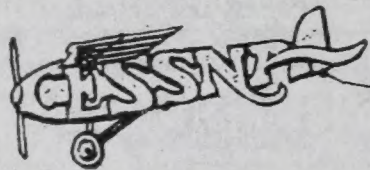
The bridge, originally built in 1923, was lifted out of its place by a crane in late August so crews could begin repairs.

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At Thursday's strategic planning day at Birch Point Lodge, Snowdon Reeve George Simmons makes a point while Glamorgan clerk-treasurer Glenn Madill listens.



County plans for the future

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

County council is giving itself up to eight months to devise and approve a plan that would restructure the county's municipal borders.

Although no specifics were discussed at Thursday's strategic planning session at Birch Point Lodge, in the past there's been talk of amalgamating the present 10 municipalities into four.

Since at least 1973, county council has talked about restructuring but nothing was ever done except vote against it. Now, faced with a almost 50% decrease in provincial funding over the next two years, restructuring is one of the county's top priorities as it tries to cut costs and become more efficient.

The day was led by Bob Maddocks and Brian Benn of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The morning session included most clerk-treasurers, who had compiled reams of information about various functions and services. (The Wednesday evening portion was cancelled because of snow.)

By the end of the day, council agreed to set up a committee that will determine the options and prepare a report. Municipal councils

will be given an opportunity to respond, as well as the public if warranted.

A committee will also be formed to look at rationalizing roads departments. It will include representatives from municipalities, the county, clerks, the Ministry of Transportation and the county's chief administrative officer.

Meanwhile, council agreed to work towards a zero-based budget, which Maddocks said to him meant there were no guarantees that services will continue to be offered from one year to the next. Another definition is that council starts off new, building up the budget rather than try to chip away at budgets presented by department heads.

Council will also strive for an active role in the negotiations about hospital services. The Acting Health Services Board has the authority to move the Minden emergency department to the Hyland Crest, which will also be expanded. However, the county owns Hyland Crest and contributes at least \$500,000 a year to its operating budget.

"It's the item that has the most impact (on the county)," said Stanhope Reeve Jock Mavor, who's the chairman of the senior citizens home's board of management. "If

we don't tell them what to do, then they'll tell us."

Issues such as waste management and a county Official Plan will be put on the back burner until the other priorities are dealt with.

Knowing that radical changes are needed, Warden Ross Rabjohn said, partly in jest, that if the board of education doesn't do its part in ensuring taxes don't increase as a result of budget cuts, perhaps municipalities should not collect the board's 66% portion of property taxes.

"I think the province is sending a clear message that the status quo is not acceptable," Rabjohn said after the meeting. "Some municipalities still feel they can make cuts and get away with it... but we've got to make some drastic changes here."

Cutting budgets may solve this year's budget problems, but Rabjohn asks what about next year, when the cuts are just as big, and the county's commitment to local healthcare projects?

"We need to put all the facts on the table and dig into it and confront the people again. We've got to make up our minds. If we don't, then the province is clearly saying they'll do it for us."

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Omnibus bill not as ominous as Opposition contends, Hodgson says

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

On the night the Liberals stood vigil around their renegade member of provincial parliament at Queen's Park, Victoria-Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson sat across the room, getting some paperwork done.

Now, after getting caught up on lost sleep, Hodgson has been spending his time explaining why his government's "omnibus bill" is not as evil as the Opposition portrays it to be.

"An omnibus bill is not a new concept. It's been done by every government," he said in an interview with The Echo on Saturday. Most recently, he remembers when the former NDP government passed Bill

175, invoking closure (and therefore limited debate) to a bill which made changes to 14 different ministries.

The omnibus or "housekeeping" bill is needed to implement the changes announced in the recent economic statement. "We consulted with our transfer partners and they said they needed the tools if there's not going to be tax increases (as a result of the reduction in funding)," Hodgson says. "If we're cutting back their funding, we also have to lay off on mandated programs."

Before last Thursday's sleep over at Queen's Park, Hodgson said the Tories had offered 360 hours of consultation. They wanted the bill passed by Christmas, partly because they've been stymied from passing other legislation

because of Opposition stalling techniques. Now, to allow for 300 hours of consultation and hearings, the House will only meet on January 29, the day on which the government plans to pass the omnibus bill.

"There will be amendments to the bill because when people come up with good recommendations, we'll listen to them," Hodgson said, adding, however, that the bill will be passed. "The public wants to see constructive work being done."

He addressed some of the concerns raised by the media and Opposition.

For instance, much has been made of the omnibus bill giving power to the province to look at people's private medical records. Hodgson says that in the 1980s, when

the Liberals extended drug benefits to social assistance recipients, then-Health Minister Elinor Caplan passed a law allowing Ministry officials to check records to ensure there was no fraud and the program was being used by the people who needed it. In the Tories' economic statement, drug benefits were extended to the working poor, those people who earn less than \$20,000 a year. This removes a disincentive to return to the work force. The omnibus bill allows the Ministry to extend auditing to the new group of recipients.

Another medical issue has been the province's threat to withhold OHIP billing numbers to new doctors who won't practice in rural areas. It's agreed there's a surplus of doctors, even though

rural areas are struggling to attract them away from the city. The Ontario Medical Association has been promising for 20 years to solve the problem. "We're hoping they do that, but if they don't there will be amendments (which allow the government to act)," Hodgson says.

He was talking with former Ontario premier Frank Miller who said 20 years the government tried to rationalize doctor services but didn't get anywhere because it didn't have the legislative backing. Entire wings of hospitals were closed, but still the overall structure (and costs) remained the same. The omnibus bill tries to address that.

As Minister of Natural Resources, Northern Development and Mines, Hodgson was more directly concerned with four pieces of the legislation. In his Dec. 2 column, the Toronto Star's Thomas Walkom wrote the omnibus does away with many environmental restrictions on mining companies. In fact, Hodgson said, the opposite was true (and had been told Walkom would put in a correction.)

"The bill doesn't change environmental standards," Hodgson says. One thing it does is allow inspectors to cross private lands to reach mining sites on crown land. It also supports the "Whitehorse initiatives" which calls for sustainable mining.

"We will require assurances in mine closure plans that are rigorous," Hodgson says to allay people's fears that mining restrictions were being eased.

In the public hearing process, Hodgson said the government is open to suggestions about how to improve the omnibus bill. Perhaps, he says, there should be a "sunset clause."

"We have a crisis today that we have to deal with but you could have a sunset clause so you'd have to come back in three or four years and say 'Is it still necessary?'"

He invites people to contact his office if they have any questions or concerns.



MPP Chris Hodgson

Fearrey bids for warden's job

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afford and provide. It will be good for us. We've been on a spending spree too long. We're basically bankrupt. In business, you do what you have to do."

In the past, council largely took its direction from which funding programs were being offered from the province. That funding is not available any more. Over the next two years, municipal and county funding will decrease by up to 50%. That's one of the impetuses behind the county's decision to restructure.

Although some people have expressed frustration at the speed of the discussion, Fearrey says you can't make major moves without knowing what you want the outcome to be. "What you've got to find is how to give the best bang for the buck," he says, and re-drawing municipal boundaries is not as important as sharing services and becoming more efficient. "You have to know what you are doing before you do it. It's a lot more complex than taking an ax to it."

Fearrey is not in favour of the province coming in and telling the county how to restructure. He said it was a provincial idea to form regional governments, and those became the most expensive to operate. Instead, he believes county council has the ability and the dedication needed to cope with the fiscal realities of the 1990s without increasing taxes.

"I'm optimistic" that councillors will do what's best for the county as a whole and for taxpayers, he says. "We have to work together. It's not a case of someone unilaterally saying you wipe out all the roads systems and municipalities. This will be a completely open process... It's really premature to say what we can or can't do."

He also believes there is the political will to cut the county's budget by the 22% that is necessary to avoid tax hikes once the cutbacks are factored in.

"The will is there and I think the ability is there. It has to happen. If I didn't think we could do it, I wouldn't let my name stand for warden."

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Province to pay on call doctors

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

It was like hearing good news from your doctor.

Last week, rural communities were given a much needed boost of support when the province agreed to pay doctors \$70 an hour when they work on call at hospital emergency departments.

This will alleviate some of the pressure on small hospitals, some of which have been guaranteeing that amount by taking the money out of their own operating budgets.

The extra expense has helped contribute to the deficits at both Minden and Haliburton hospitals. Their parent hospital, St. Joseph's of Peterborough, reports that the two local hospitals are contributing half of the overall deficit of \$550,000 for the three hospitals.

The province is expected to begin paying the doctors in mid-January.

However, many details have yet to be announced.

The \$70 an hour fee was recognized by the Scott Report on Rural Hospitals as being an important incentive for doctors. Doctors may be called in only once at night, and yet this call disrupts their sleep and their schedule at their own practice. Over-tiredness was identified as being a major problem. By guaranteeing an hourly wage, the doctor would not feel compelled to book appointments for the next day.

Haliburton doctors have found another way to cope with pressures of working on call. The doctor on call now offers what is, in essence, a walk-in clinic at the hospital. This means they won't be interrupting appointments with their office patients

to rush to the hospital. It also helps people avoid the long waiting list at the medical clinic.

Minden has no doctors to work on call so the hospital has been hiring doctors to provide a service which ranges from 12 hours to 24 hours a day depending on the season. The hospital also pays them a travelling and out-of-pocket fee. (When MedEmerg, a private company, was providing the service, the fee was \$350 a day.)

As well, at both Minden and Haliburton, the hospitals were committed to "topping up" the difference between a guaranteed hourly wage and the amount the doctor billed OHIP. The new agreement changes that.

"From the doctors' point of view, one of the benefits we have now is if they saw more people and billed OHIP in excess of \$70, they got to bill for that. Now there's a flat fee," says Foster Loucks, executive director of the local hospitals.

From the hospital's point of view, "I don't think there needs to be any further money coming from the hospital to ease the on-call problem," Loucks says. With the clinic, however, the hospital

\$70 an hour fee will reduce strain on rural hospital's budgets

does have additional costs. In the summer, it hired an extra staff person for the busiest eight-hour shift.

"What we're really doing is providing an alternative office," Loucks says. "Should we contin-

ue to do that if it has other costs involved beyond doctors' remuneration? We end up being faced with a decision whether this is a service the community requires such that the hospital adjusts the services it provides."

One of the issues to be

resolved with the province is whether the \$70 flat fee would include the walk-in clinic or just those hours at night and on weekends when a doctor must come to the hospital for emergencies. And how does it affect Minden, where the doctors are hired, not working on call?

The province says physicians choosing to participate in this new program must guarantee to provide full emergency cover-



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Haliburton SSFC campus told to cut costs by 20%

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maintaining any presence in Haliburton."

The college's grand plan of vacating the Norman A. Sisco Centre, as well as the various other buildings it inhabits in Haliburton, and bringing all of its courses together under one roof at a permanent site has been shelved for the foreseeable future.

"A lot of our dreams we were planning are on hold for now," said Desbiens.

Instead, the college will aim a little lower and will move toward consolidating as many courses as possible at the Sisco Centre.

Sir Sandford has been preparing a restructuring strategy for a year to cope with declining federal and provincial grants.

However, the massive cuts of \$120-million to a colleges for 1997-97 announced late last month by Finance Minister Ernie Eves were far deeper than the college had feared.

"Coming out of the Social Contract I anticipated about a \$3-million problem," said Desbiens. "But we're getting a double hit from the federal government and the province. I never for the life of me anticipated it would be a \$10-million cut a year ago."

Among the 13 programs the college proposes to suspend are courses in electronic and

mechanical engineering, business customer service, audio visual graphics and GIS mapping.

Three three-year programs which the college says traditionally have low enrolment in their final year will be compacted to just two years, including tourism and transportation, parks and forest recreation and forest technology.

Bolin said the restructuring will give the college the opportunity to re-think the way it operates.

Instead of simply reducing expenses, the college may be able to find other means of increasing revenue, such as boosting the profile of the eco-tourism program or extending the length of time it offers the profitable school of fine arts.

"It's not all bad news. We do have to look at the way we do things. Some good things will come out of this too, but it's just painful in the process," she said.

On Thursday, December 21, the local group of Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming College are hosting a luncheon with Dr. Desbiens at Birch Point Lodge. Lunch tickets are \$10.75 each and reservations are required by phoning Sir Sandford at 457-1680. Dr. Desbiens will talk about the changes facing the college and its students present and future.

"A lot of the dreams we were planning are on hold now," president says of goal to unify Haliburton campus at one site



GRADS HAVE A WINDOW TO THE WORLD: On Thursday, these students at Sir Sandford Fleming College's Haliburton campus graduated from the campus's first computer course which focused solely on Windows and included the Internet. They are, from left: Front row: Tom Klinger, Kelly Hutchings, Lori Cranswick, Jane Johnston & Ian Pay. Middle row: Holly Lougheed, Rita Barry, Vicki Sisson, Karen Nimigon, Loretta Billings, Maggie Pay & Heather Moorhouse. Back row: Dianna Johnson, Brenda Cooper, Linda Mitchell, Jackie Mayhew, instructor Sheila Stackhouse, Linda Hammond & Melanie Tripp.

Course first to include the Internet

The following was written by one of Thursday's graduates of Sir Sandford Fleming College's Windows computer course. It was the first course which focused solely on Windows and also included using the Internet.

by JACKIE MAYHEW
Windows to the World

And what a world it is! Computers - the modern age tool for learning.

"Since we're in the age of computers, and software is constantly changing, I found it was in my best interest to upgrade my skills," said Rita Barry, who can hardly "bear" for it all to end. There is much to learn, and this course was excellent in its introduction to computers in the Windows environment.

We first had to be introduced to the computer, a faceless, harmless object. "Nothing to be afraid of here class," claimed Sheila Stackhouse, our leader and instructor extraordinaire.

During the course of the next 10 weeks two of the students, Ian and Kelly, repeatedly tried to dispel that theory. Horrified exclamations of, "It's gone!", or "Hey, what's it doing?" or "Someone took my..." or "Can I

ask a stupid question?" would send the nearly unflappable Sheila to the rescue.

This course brought together 18 people from varied backgrounds with varied computer skills from all around the county and even one from outside the county. By the end of the course, terms such as hard drive, software, network, spreadsheet, database, graphics and Internet were old hand to all of us. This program brought us together on one level as we surfed the Internet, sent E-Mails, learned Microsoft Word, Excel and Access and created magnificent works of art in CorelDraw with guest instructor Mary Wallace. Spell check, delete, insert and undo became everyday tools. We learned how to cut, copy and paste without using scissors and glue. Our text could be big and bold or small and italicized.

The programs had multi-tasking capabilities that allowed us to create in one program and insert that graphic or text into another using something called a clipboard that you could neither carry nor see. We could print using keyboard commands, click on the toolbar or use the file menu. We even used a mouse although it did not respond to

cheese.

The point is, what was foreign and frightening 10 weeks ago became exciting with limitless possibilities. Yes, we had fun. We laughed, we moaned, we whined and some even cried. It as the best of times and the worst of times, but we got through it and we are better for it. Some of us struggled with jobs, family, long drives in bad weather, sickness or all of the above. But...we made it and Rita is right, we should be proud of ourselves!

Our thanks and admiration goes out to Barb Bolin, Principal, and the staff of Sir Sandford Fleming College, Haliburton Campus, for having the insight to put together and run such an excellent program.

Most of all, thanks to Sheila Stackhouse, our undying gratitude for the incredible teaching techniques she employs which can encompass every student at any level and make no one student more important than the other. Sheila Stackhouse is a great educator. It is a tribute to her excellence that we all graduated. Thank you Sheila and thank you SSFC. It was a great time.

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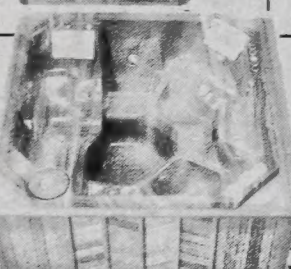
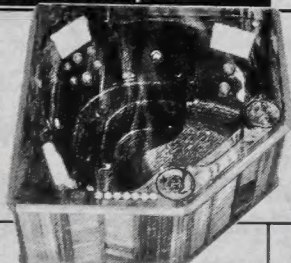
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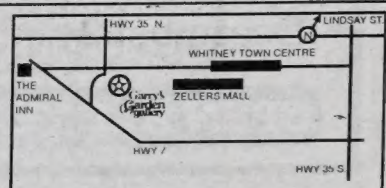
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More Letters to the Editor

Who is the 'we' who must share the sacrifices?

To the Editor:

I noted in the article concerning the cuts the provincial government plans to make your reporter's quotes from MPP Chris Hodgson: "The only way Ontario can dig itself out of a financial hole when it spends \$1 million an hour more than it takes in is to chop government spending by pushing schools, municipalities and hospitals to re-examine the way they do business."

No doubt there is waste in some of these areas - like high school "graduates" who spell at about a Grade 6 level in some cases - but I think there must be other ways of "digging ourselves out of this hole" they're talking about.

I would like to make a few suggestions:

1. We have upwards of 40,000 "corporate welfare bums" in Canada who pay no income or corporation taxes at all accord-

ing to David Lewis years ago and updated by Audrey McLaughlin in the last federal election. This has never been disputed by anyone that I have noticed. And Ontario likely has at least its share of these.

'No doubt there is waste in some of these areas - like high school "graduates" who spell at about a Grade 6 level in some cases - but I think there must be other ways of "digging ourselves out of this hole" they're talking about.'

2. According to your correspondent Lon Doncombe in the same edition, Canadian corporations contributed 50 percent of all taxes in 1960 and today that figure is eight percent. I think that would have to be correct or it could be immediately challenged.

3. This same week the International Monetary Fund told Canada they could be raising more revenue in those areas - no doubt a hint that the gap is sizable.

Both Ottawa and Queen's Park have told us that we all must share in the sacrifices. I'm just wondering who "we" is.

**Earl Johnston,
Gooderham**

Goal is to get best mental health care possible

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in the intent of the proposal. This is for funding of \$199,352.

Mental Health Reform mandates change. The Implementation Planning Guidelines under the heading of Community-Focused states that, "A broad cross-section of the community, including consumers and their families, should take part in the planning, development, evaluation and governance of mental health services." We all know that change is difficult to accept. This is especially true for SIRCH Inc.

because of the structure, operation and management. In the real world, if you cannot or will not change, you get left behind.

The support group was told by SIRCH that they're "adversarial". They look at themselves as 'persistent change-agents'. Their goal is to get the best mental health services possible for Haliburton County.

The goal, with persistence, will be achieved.

**Ross Partridge,
Concerned Citizen,
Soyers Lake**

White swan helps forecast weather on Maple Lake

To the Editor:

As the white swan that winters in Green Lake has earned some celebrity status locally, I thought readers might be interested to know how he/she has become somewhat of a weather forecaster for us.

We live on the bay where the Gull River flows into Maple Lake from Green Lake. It is always a pleasure to see the swan drift gently down to visit in the early winter, as the ice

begins to form. If there is mist over the open water it looks quite ethereal.

As the thermometer drops, he very gradually progresses closer to the river mouth and when, on some late afternoon, he actually disappears upstream, we say to ourselves, "the bay is going to freeze overnight," and, without fail, it does.

Does he get cold feet?

**Margaret Brogden,
Maple Lake**



Pic of the Past

Would you like turkey for Christmas? These gobblers may be the right size, but by now, they'd be much too old. As Stephen Walling writes, this is a scene from the Walling's Dairy barnyard on

Head Lake, probably taken in late November or early December about 1934. Our thanks to Mr. Walling, who now lives in Woodville, for being such a faithful and interesting contributor to Pic of the Past.

It was an early Christmas



DOWN OUR ROAD

Sharon Lynch

PEERING THROUGH the windshield at the swirling storm, Lena sighed in disgust. She could not believe she and Sam were making the trip again this year. They had left their safe and comfortable home in the country to dare the snow-congested highways for a three and an half hour marathon of teeth-clenching tension. Again.

Every year they made the same trek to Lena's sister in Mississauga and every year they swore would be the last. It was the only opportunity to share a family Christmas even if it was almost two weeks before December 25th. Lena's sister and her husband, Carol and Rob, worked shifts and could never count on being able to make the trip north to Lena's for the holiday. So every year the four of them had their celebration together in advance in Mississauga.

Unfortunately, it always seemed to be the weekend of either the worst snow storm on record; the most Christmas parties, both business and friends'; the biggest flu outbreak or the time the car decides to quit. A calm and stress-free weekend of joyful celebration it was usually not. But they did it anyway: the

rushing, the drive, the fatigue, the over-eating, the late night, the drive home. Surely, thought Lena as she watched the flakes hit the window, surely there must be a good reason.

There was. It was in her sister's excited voice when Lena called to say they were coming. Plans were made as to who would bake what and everyone promised not to spend much on presents. It was the thought that counted. Actually, there were many thoughts and even more memories and they all counted, a lot.

A thoughtful reason was the way Carol went to so much trouble to have the house done up in ribbons and pine and candles everywhere. The minute Lena and Sam opened the Mississauga door, Carol and Rob were all over them, taking their coats, their parcels while trying to hug and talk at the same time. Christmas music swept through the house, washed in the warm light of scented candles and tiny white lights stretched across table tops and around doors and windows.

A thoughtful reason was the fireplace, brass shining, logs set and ready to light the minute they sank into the soft sofa. They would sip egg nog, open gifts and try to catch up on a year of happenings in a few short hours.

More thoughtful reasons for the get together shone around the dining room table as they sat down to eat. Carol's hours of work in the kitchen were brushed

aside as she waited for Lena to notice the little things. Lena always did. She noticed their mother's silver polished and placed just so; the homemade shortbread on the sideboard; the poinsettia flanked by yet more candles in the centre of the perfect, old linen tablecloth.

Then the memories came as they sat together and slowly made their way through the traditional feast. The food was wonderful as always, but what Lena always remembered was the conversation. They spoke of Christmases past, sitting at much the same table with their parents. The glow of firelight, the thrill of Santa, the nostalgia and innocence of a special time.

Sam and Rob enjoyed the meal and talked and laughed as well, but then they cleared the table and left the two sisters alone for a short while. For fifteen minutes or so they were back in the big, old house, dressed in red velveteen dresses and sharing secrets they told no one else. Carol's eyes sparkled in the candle light and she looked about ten years old. Lena leaned her head on her hand and wondered how she could make time slow down, even a little. Then Sam and Rob came back with mincemeat pie and plum pudding and all four of them groaned. Thank goodness they had all night to recover from such a feast before heading back out on the highway. Thank goodness they only did it once a year.

Boonieville

by Charlie Telford



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Editorial

Trust us?

Although it's never been easy, it's getting harder and harder to make sense of the antics at Queen's Park. Who do you believe? If you listened to the Opposition, the government is turning back the clock to the days before democracy was invented. If you listened to the government, you'd simply sit back and trust that they're really doing what's best to save this province from financial ruin.

Given the sweeping changes being introduced by the Tory government, there are dozens more players on the debating stage. Every day we are bombarded with short news clips of outrage followed by short news clips of sanctimonious preaching about the economy. It seems we've lost the middle ground, which is where most people have taken refuge from the storm.

Here's a case in point. When Finance Minister Ernie Eves presented his "mini budget", rural dwellers rejoiced when he said the government would commit to paying doctors in rural communities \$70 an hour to work on call at hospitals, relieving a tremendous burden on places such as Haliburton and Minden. He also said that if this failed to get doctors to move and stay in rural communities, he would consider withholding OHIP billing numbers to new doctors who decided to practice in urban areas rather than filling the pressing needs in rural areas.

To give the province the legal ability to make good on its threats, changes to existing legislation have to be made. Those changes are included in the contentious "omnibus" bill, which is so much in the news after the Liberals' slumber party at Queen's Park. One of the faxes The Echo has received on the omnibus is from the Ontario Medical Association. It says "these measures are extreme because they provide the government with almost unlimited control over the delivery of medical services. They are unprecedented because Ontario will become the first government in Canada to assume this degree of unilateral decision making authority. And they are harmful because they compromise the delivery of care, individual freedoms, the privacy of records and the confidentiality between patients and their doctors."

One group's salvation is another group's descent into legislative hell.

Another case in point is the portion of the omnibus which deals with municipal governments. For the past 15 years at least, the province's mantra has been "amalgamate, amalgamate, amalgamate." Carrots of all shapes and sizes have been dangled in front of municipalities to get them to restructure and become more cost efficient. So far, in Haliburton County at least, no one has nibbled at any of the carrots.

A 50% decrease in funding, announced in the mini-budget, is the latest carrot, unpalatable though it may be. Faced with such a dramatic cut in funding, county officials met Thursday to discuss the process they will follow. We're not talking about tinkering with budgets; rather, we need a massive overhaul in how services are provided and who provides them. There has to be a whole new way of thinking about government. So what happened Thursday? Councillors gave themselves deadlines for eight months down the road, a year and a half from now, and "as soon as possible." Basically, they talked about how they would talk about restructuring.

What are they going to do in February, when the numbers are in and they have to come up with a budget? Taxpayers are not going to accept any argument about swallowing a tax increase this year while council works through the changes to take effect next year. With tax arrears among the highest they've ever been, taxpayers simply cannot withstand any increases. It's no longer that they don't want them - they just don't have any more money and are struggling to pay their bills as it is.

As part of this omnibus, the government wants to give itself the power to say to counties and municipal governments "If you're not going to make massive changes, we'll come in and do it for you." This would be a blessing in Haliburton County. There is indeed a revolution going on in Ontario and our councillors are not revolutionaries. They are very good at many things, but planning for such massive change is not one of them. Meanwhile, the government has the experience, technology and resources already at hand.

So is the omnibus bill good or bad? Is it a threat to democracy or the only way to get things done? In one way the Opposition was right - people have a right to know what's in the bill and it's good that the province will wait until January to pass it. **M.P.**



Winter sun, Head Lake Park

by Len Pizzev

Letters to the Editor

Support group wants voice

To the Editor:

Re: Echo article "Treatment gap needs fixing," November 28, 1995.

As stated in the article, one of the major concerns of the Haliburton County Mental Health Support Group (HCMHSG), is not having representation on the SIRCH Inc. board. The executive director, Gena Robertson reportedly said, "changes cannot be made for one group and therefore can't be made quickly. If we're going to involve consumers on our board we need to have an equitable mechanism for all programs, we just can't say no one else matters." There is no reason why the "equitable mechanism for all programs," which would essentially be the same for all groups, could not be drawn up and presented at the next board meeting. This is not an overwhelming task if there is a sincere willingness to make it happen. It is unfortunate that members from the other programs have not shown the interest to get involved with the board. For example at the 1995 Annual Meeting of SIRCH Inc. the HCMHSG was the only group that took an active part in the meeting, i.e., asking questions and trying to get answers. Where were the others? The questioning seemed to be a new experience and was perceived by the board, in my opinion, as "rocking the boat." This was very evident by their reaction.

The executive director planned a six-week closure of the Counselling Centre in the summer to conduct an internal review. The support group, realizing the impact of this decision

on the clients, reported it to the Ministry of Health which acted immediately and called the executive director. It's against the MOH mandate to arbitrarily cease funded services. SIRCH immediately restarted support group services. Next, two therapists were fired without notice, not allowing time for closure for the consumers. The executive director stated, "In the meantime we've provided the best coverage we could which was okayed by the Ministry of

Health." It is my opinion that the Ministry of Health had no option re: the limited services set up by the executive director. It's appalling that only crisis intervention has been available and no therapy since September 29, 1995.

The glue that has prevented the complete collapse for the consumers was through the major effort of the support groups. It was the second time in as many months that the support groups had to swing into action with thankful assistance from Dr. Norm Bottum. SIRCH did not have an effective plan in place.

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The executive director said re: the firings, "We chose the decision we felt we had to make." It is my opinion that the manner in which this was done exhibited

no respect for the individual. This includes the therapists. Lack of respect has taken a heavy toll on the consumer/survivors and their families. If only SIRCH could swallow the pain and hurt inflicted on these people, maybe then they would understand.

The executive director stated, re: the proposal for funding for a case manager and other mental health services, "Because the consumers are extremely involved, they think it's theirs."

The representatives of HCMHSG who sit on the Mental Health Coordinating Committee of the District Health Committee were asked to convey the message to the local county agency (ours is SIRCH Inc.) to write, first a "Letter of Intent"

and secondly, a follow-up proposal. Yes, the group was extremely involved. They developed a questionnaire, reviewed it and prioritized it with the consumer/survivors, family and community members. This was the basis of the proposal written by the executive director. However, the proposal was rejected four times by the District Health Council Review Committee. How could this be if the support group was so involved? This is what kept happening. After the proposal was agreed upon, it was unilaterally changed by the executive director and sent directly to the District Health Council Review Committee for approval. Fortunately, the review committee would not accept a change

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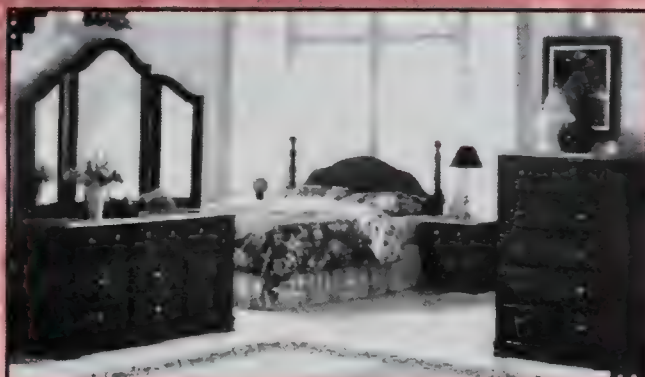
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Novice Huskies battle Woodville to draw

Monarchs crowned with victory despite Haliburton squad's determined effort

by Walter Tose

On Friday Dec. 8th the Novice A Huskies travelled to Woodville for a return match against the only team they had not yet beaten in regular season play. They ran into a bit of a sticky situation. As expected, the Huskies had trouble early on adjusting to the sticky Woodville ice surface, and their skating seemed sluggish. Both goaltenders played very well. Woodville's goalie made some good saves to frustrate the Husky forwards and Husky goalie Jeremy Moynes made some big saves in the first period to keep the Huskies in the game. It was shaping up to be a real defensive battle until Woodville opened the scoring five minutes into the game. Finally, late in the first period, Adam Hutson opened the scoring for the Huskies on a beautiful shot from the point. Adrian Winn got the assist.

The scoring see-sawed back and forth for the rest of the game. The Huskies began to focus their efforts on shutting down Woodville's big gun, "Number 7", and had several good chances to win the game for themselves, but simply could not gain enough of an advantage to win the game. In the end they had to settle for another tie with Woodville. Final score: 4-4. Ross Gerry, Josh Brown and Brandon Bowman picked up the

other Husky goals on assists from Adam Hutson, Jesse Johnson and Ross Gerry.

On Sunday Dec. 10th, the Huskies hosted the Minden Monarchs in their first meeting of the regular season. The Huskies had beaten the Monarchs twice before in exhibition play, but expected to see an improved team. And they did. In fact, the Monarchs had improved their skating, checking and passing game dramatically.



The Minden Monarchs dominated in the scoring department at the Dysart arena on Saturday afternoon, handing the Huskies a 5-2 defeat in a well-played and exciting game



To add to the Husky frustration, the Minden goaltender was red hot. Ross Gerry had an outstanding game for the Huskies showing tremendous hustle all game, but was robbed by the Minden 'tender on at least three occasions in the early going on what looked to be sure goals. Meanwhile Minden played a very solid game defensively and took advantage of the opportunities they had. Before the Huskies knew it, two periods had gone by and Minden had built up a four-goal lead. Credit the Monarchs with some tough forechecking.

To their credit the Huskies never gave up the battle right to the very end. This is fast becoming a trademark of this young Husky team and may very well make the difference for them

come playoff time. Finally in the third period Ross Gerry broke through for the Huskies on a beautiful set up from Terry Bannon. The Monarchs, however, were determined to keep the tide from turning and scored their fifth goal with 10 minutes to go. Still lots of time, but could the Huskies pull it off? Ross and Terry combined again for the second Husky goal with seven minutes left in the game. The boys from Haliburton kept pressing but in the end the Monarchs won the day's battle. Final score: Minden 5 Haliburton 2. Congratulations to Ross Gerry and Terry Bannon who had an outstanding game, and to the rest of the team for putting forth a solid effort. Better luck next time boys!

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Novice B Huskies start with win in new round

Sunderland braves blizzard to face off, get buried under an eight goal onslaught by Haliburton

by Ginny Heming

The Haliburton Novice B team has a new schedule, with a new group of teams to face off against. Wilberforce is the only team remaining from the first round, with Beaverton, Cannington, Mariposa, and Sunderland joining in. The Huskies are looking forward to meeting these teams and facing the challenges ahead.

On Saturday, December 9th, Sunderland travelled through yet another blizzard to play hockey in Haliburton (typically Canadian moment eh!?) One by one players "drifted" in, and with a slight delay the game got

underway. Haliburton knew they'd have to hustle and so they did, with Calvin Roswell scoring the first goal for the Huskies at 27 seconds into the game. The Huskies scored the second goal at 6:53. A minute later Sunderland attempted a rush in Husky territory, but they were quickly shut down as Haliburton regained control.

In the second period, the first two minutes were the most exciting as Sunderland had not one, but two breakaways, going in alone on the Husky goalie, Jeff McKenna. In both attempts by Sunderland, McKenna in a fabulous display of goaltending at its best, came out, challenged

both players, and prevented a 2-2 hockey game! At three minutes into the period, Haliburton finally got moving and goals were scored by Nick Judge at 7:34, and Jonathan Sharpley at 6:43, to give the Huskies a four-goal lead. Sunderland tried on many rushes to score, as they outshot Haliburton in the second period, but failed to get on the scoreboard.

Haliburton opened the third with a goal, but Sunderland came back with two. Fourteen seconds later Haliburton scored, and before Sunderland could recover, the same Husky line scored again, a mere forty-seven seconds later. WOW! and people

wonder why I spend so much time at arenas!?! Now with five goals already scored this period wouldn't you think that would be enough? NOT! The Huskies were still hustling in their finest form and scored again at 4:50. Sunderland kept trying and never gave up, finally scoring another goal with 1:58 left in the game. That would end the scoring for both teams as Haliburton would win this one 8-3.

What an exciting, exhilarating, excellent game to watch! The overall combination of hard work, great passing, and, heads up play, by offense and defense, and awesome goaltending, resulted in another win for these

amazing Novice B Huskies.

Haliburton goals were scored by: Calvin Roswell and Nick Judge with three each, and, Jonathan Sharpley and Adam Trueman with singles. Assists were picked up by: Kyle Espie, Shawn Heming, and Adam Trueman with two each, and Nick Chumbley, Travis Burke, Calvin Roswell, Jonathan Sharpley, and Nick Judge with singles.

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Redmen watch lead slip away to Adam Scott

Haliburton High school's hockey Redmen dropped a pair of games last week, including a road match against Adam Scott that was theirs until they let it slip away from them in the third.

In their first of two back-to-back games on Tuesday and Wednesday, the visiting Redmen watched their 4-2 lead vanish mid-way through the final period when the home team poured it on for a 5-4 victory.

Adam Scott opened the scoring with just 23 seconds off the clock, but Josh Burk quickly evened up the game about two minutes later with the first goal of his hat trick on a pass from brother Matt.

Before the end of the first period, the home team took over the lead and held through the first half of the second. That's when Josh Burk netted goal number two to tie things up again for the Redmen on a pass from Josh Dennis.

Early in the third Haliburton took the lead for the first time when Bill Dovell scored with the help of Jackie Morrison and Andrew McKelvey.

Josh Burk netted his third for the day to open up a two-goal lead for the Redmen with assists going to Andrew McKelvey and Chris Eskelin.

But that was all the offence the team could put together. Adam Scott dug in for three more goals in the last seven minutes to take away the Redmen's steam. The home team scored the winning goal with just 31 seconds remaining.

The next evening at home — a 5-2 loss to Thomas A. Stewart — Haliburton wasn't really in the game after the first period.

Down by one, Tim Stouffer tied the game at 4:47 on a solo effort.

From that point on, Thomas A. Stewart had a firm hold of the match, opening up a 4-1 lead by the end of the second.

Haliburton's Matt Burk took a pass from Dennis Woods and made things a bit closer at 8:44 of the third.

But about 30 seconds later Thomas A. Stewart scored the team's final goal to wipe away any thoughts of a come-back for the Redmen.



MOTORMEN DOMINATE: A Curry Motors marksman celebrates a goal that helped his team skate to a 9-6 win over Bishop & Wilson on Sunday night, in Haliburton men's league action.

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One thing computers can't change is the exciting game of hockey as last Thursday night's entertainment proved.

It started off with Apsley meeting Rainbow Glass, both teams looking for their first win of the season. This game was all Apsley, keeping the Rainbows off the board until late in the third period and skating away with a 7-2 victory. Accessing the hard drive for Apsley was Gord Tucker with four, singles went to Joe Dunkerley, Phil Cooper,

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Bill Rotor, Kim Dunsford and Al Gronman. Filing data for the Rainbows was Bruce Fleck and Neil White.

The league's top two teams, Bancroft Canadian Tire and the Haliburton Hawks faced off in

game two. The Hawks' Rick Wood had the only goal of the first. He also had the only tally of the second. It was turning into the Rick Wood show until he interfaced with teammates Roger Bain and Tom Curry. Rick completed his hat trick late in the game to give the Hawks a 5-1 win. Sending the 'E-mail' for Canadian Tire was Allan Coulas.

The final contest of the night had the Clarkson Plumbers and the Wilberforce Golden Ponders. The first was a close period as the Plumbers got two, one each from Joe Roberts and Luke Schell. The Ponders' Bev Billings hammered in a reply. After this the Golden Ones went into warp drive scoring seven goals to Clarkson's one, to skate to an 8-3 advantage. Entering digital info for Wilberforce was Rolland Pellitier with four, Royden Hawley had two, a single went to Ken Riley. The Plumber's final tally went to Dan Curry.

This week if you can't access the old boys on the Internet, don't panic and push F1, get down to the rink and see them, in person!

Gooderham Imperials make tourney final

Terry Stoughton from Gooderham reports that the Gooderham Imperials hosted an eight-team men's hockey tournament in Wilberforce on Saturday.

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The Seniors Intra Club Spiel (Haliburton-Minden) - The overall winner was the Fern Timbers rink followed by the Phyllis Woodcock rink. Almost a clean sweep by the Haliburton club with five out of the top six place finishes.

The Haliburton Search and Rescue held their Christmas Curling Party and Awards Night, December 3. It was a great night with a deli-

cious pot luck supper and curling followed by a special award to Kathy Chatterton from Eagle Lake for her dedication and hard work and to Frank Lazier of Wilberforce for his loyalty and dependability, presented by OPP Art Gord. Congratulations to you



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See you next week!

Bantam Huskies bury Woodville visitors 13-4

by ROGER DART

Last Tuesday in Haliburton the OMHA Bantam Huskies buried Woodville 13 to 4. With only three skaters on the bench Woodville tired early and as they tired the Huskies took control. The Huskie forwards dominated the game.

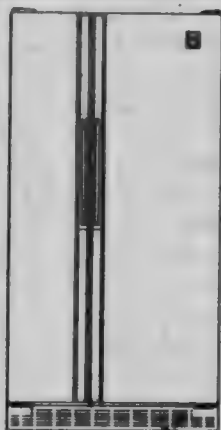
After defenceman Matt Billings opened the scor-

ing all of the forwards took part in the rout. Centres Greg Forgrave and Steve St. Cyr each had a hat trick. Chris Moynes, Mike Morissette, Allan Pugh, Matt Burk, Blayne Saunders and Jason Henry had one goal each. Power winger Darol Sisson led the assist parade with three. Goalie Greg Schell tallied his first assist of the season.

On Friday, in Haliburton, Gravenhurst tried to bury the Bantam Huskies, literally. With a team that is long on size and rough house tactics, the Grizzlies (for lack of a better name) main weapon is intimidation. In this game the Huskies defence of Billings, Andrew Burch, Shane Parks, Matt Reid and Devon Dart

came up strong in handling the oversized Gravenhurst players. Penalties were a factor in the 3 to 3 tie. Gravenhurst scored twice with a man power advantage and the Huskies had one goal on a power play. Scoring for Haliburton were Forgrave, Burk and Morissette with assists going to Forgrave, Burk, St. Cyr and Dart.

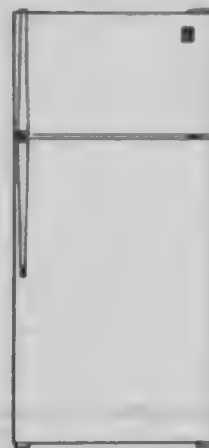
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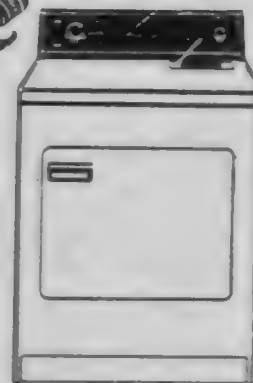
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Atoms lose squeaker 4-2

by DAVE BROWN

Huntsville Selects arrived in Haliburton to meet the Second Entry Atoms. Once again Haliburton was off to a fast skating start. Early in the first period, Ryan Goldenburg scored on a well-placed screen shot from high in the slot area, assisted by A. Tomlinson and J. Sisson. The momentum was with Haliburton while the Selects gradually changed their tactics to meet the Huskie offensive. The Huskies had lots of scoring opportunities but the Select netminder kept the Huntsville team in the game.

Midway through the second period, Huntsville evened the score while Haliburton was playing shorthanded. Once again, this was a fast paced period with lots of scoring opportunities. With three minutes remaining in the second, Huntsville had a breakaway which was stopped with a good save by the Cat but the area was not cleared and the Selects scored on their third shot of the play. The Huskies never let up and Justin Sharpley checked Huntsville off the puck and put it

out to Garrett Pocket. Garrett's hard shot from the point got through the maze of players and yielded a nice rebound for Matt Brown who pressed the twine with 1:54 left in the second.

The third period never slowed down and penalties seemed to be the order of the day. Jeremy Miscio gave a Bobby Orr demo with an end-to-end rush resulting in a go-ahead goal. Shortly after, Huntsville had another breakaway and the Cat made a great save protecting Haliburton's lead. The score was evened by the Selects and then they pulled ahead while Haliburton was shorthanded again with less than four minutes left in the game. With 52 seconds remaining W. MacInnes pulled the Cat for a man advantage but to no avail ending the game at Huntsville 4, Haliburton 3.

The Huskies' aggressive play resulted in lots of scoring opportunities. They found the wrong side of three goal posts in this game. Thanks again to Kyle Boughner who replaced the injured Norm Smith.

Haliburton Mites prove hospitable hosts

by KAREN FRYBORT

The Haliburton Mites were back on ice this past weekend with a couple of games. The first, against Bobcaygeon Cougars, was a 9 a.m. start - and the Huskies had to soon wipe the sleep from their eyes as the Cougars had had their "Wheaties". Final score: Haliburton 2 - 'Caygeon 10.

MVP honours: Carson Metcalfe (with his first goal); Cody Griffin (in his own spotlight); Gary "The Great" Griffin.

Sunday's game, the Huskies hosted

Minden, and what congenial hosts: Minden netted eight goals and the Pack could not get one by Nicole Lyddiatt with her impressive swan dives! The Mites gave it their all, and perhaps we should mention that MVP for this tough little team stands for "Making Valuable Progress".

MVP honours to: Mackenzie Trueman (solid defence, only a skate blowout stopped him); Alex Dobie (gettin' right in there now, Alex); Nelson Evans (with his unmistakable style).

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Fenelon a mighty foe for Atom Cs, who respond with true grit

After a week off, the Haliburton Atom Cs were ready to get at it again. The coach sure has a busy schedule in store for them.

Monday night the Huskies were in Fenelon to show their stuff. The action got underway with Fenelon scoring two in the first period. The Huskies were a little slow getting going while Fenelon seemed to show more hustle. They definitely dominated the play until the third period.

The Huskies knew they had to get going, time was running out. Joel Johnson, Kyle Boughner and Jason Chambers put an unbeatable play together, Joel popping the big one. Four minutes left in the third, Kyle and Joel paired off, tying the game. Coach Pete pulled Alex from the net giving us a man advantage. Things looked good until we were given a penalty. Fenelon scored leaving the score 3 - 2 for Fenelon.

Game two Saturday saw Haliburton facing Fenelon again.

This time the Huskies showed hustle and determination to control the game. The Huskies opened the scoring early in the first period with an excellent pass from Joel and Jason, banging it in the net. Our second and third goals came from Kyle's smooth action and the fast plays of Joel and Brock Thomas. Good effort boys! Six minutes into the second period, Dan Craig broke loose receiving a pass from Brock and sent it up to Jason who scored Haliburton's fourth goal. But not long after Fenelon found our net despite Alex's fine efforts. Then with just 17 seconds left in the game Jason Rushed down the ice, outmaneuvering Fenelon's defence and poking in #5 for Haliburton.

Special mention to our defence for their hustle and strong defensive plays: Jeff Packard, Adam Frybort and Nick Judge. Excellent game, boys!

Husky PeeWees dig in for 4-2 win over Minden

by LAURIE CURRY

The Haliburton OMHA PeeWees had a quiet week with only one game played.

The PeeWees had a game last Tuesday night against the Minden Monarchs. It was a very hard fought game by both teams. A great job was done in the net by netminder Brian Mulholland who allowed only two goals.

Scorers for the Huskies were Jason Woodcox assisted by Ryan Wood and Scot Curry; Jamie Luck unassisted; Shane Campbell assisted by Jamie Luck; Ryan Kirkpatrick assisted by Nick Cochrane and Bobby Hebert.

The score was Haliburton 4, Minden 2.

Next home game will be Saturday at 4:00 against Beaverton.

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PeeWees clear path to victory

by SUE CLARKSON
Wilberforce Minor Hockey

Not many games were played this week due to a scheduling meeting, but as the PeeWees are not in the same situation, they had a couple.

Beaverton came to our neck of the woods last Tuesday night and their nine players outplayed our twelve in every way during the first period. Even during our own power play, only one shot on net was made by the Rockets. Needless to say, Beaverton was able to get on the scoreboard first but Corby Semple tied it up on an unassisted goal shortly after. The second period saw the Rockets pick up their game a notch or two and they exhibited furious pressure resulting in an unassisted goal by Sean Critch to put us in the lead - only to end up tied again. This game saw many shots on both goals, with both teams lucky a number of shots didn't make their way into the net. It was a great "battle of the goalies" as our own Joe

Carey did a superb job. Just before the break, Jeremy Huffman scored his first of the season on a pass from Corby. Kenny Mott set one up to Corby to nail another. Kenny added another before the end of the period, assisted by David Arsenault and Sean Critch. The Blades snuck one more between the pipes but it wasn't enough to pull ahead again. Ian Brown, Adam Clarkson, Ira Arsenault, Chris Peacock, Chris Alden and Mike Jones all contributed to this win. Final score: Rockets 5 - Beaverton 3.

During a heavy snowfall last Saturday, the Mariposa 2 team braved the elements to play the Rockets during a break in a men's tournament. The PeeWee Rockets seem to take some time to get going in their games. Once they started to move however the Rockets were relentless

in their pressure on the Lightning goalie but it didn't seem to matter in the first period. One Mariposa defencemen had two good slapshots on goal to bring them ahead two by the end of the first. The Rockets put one passed their net but just a

coming week are as follows: There are no home games this week until Sunday, December 17. The PeeWees play at 3:45, then the Novices at 5:00 p.m., followed by the Atoms at 6:00 p.m.

Our Tykes travelled this snowy Saturday past to Bobcaygeon for their first tournament of the year. How did we rate such a good time - 11:00 a.m.? This team only had seven

The second period against Beaverton saw the Rockets pick up their game a notch or two and they exhibited furious pressure

second after the buzzer went. (Boy, those ones are hard to take!) In the second, Kenny Mott didn't waste any time to get us on the scoreboard with the assist going to Ian Brown. Corby Semple slammed another one between the pipes. At the break, the Lightning were still up by two. The boys were doing a great job setting up plays, but the Lightning goalie was hot and stonewalled them at every turn. The score inched closer thanks to a nice slap shot from the point by Corby. With 58 seconds left and Coach Brown pulling the goalie a couple of times, and constant pressure by the Rockets, Chris Alden tied the game with 43 seconds left bringing the crowd to their feet. The outcome didn't totally reverse, but came out a lot closer with a 4 - 4 tie.

Games this skaters and a goalie, with one of those skaters fighting the flu. When the Cannington team stepped on the ice, everyone wondered what a PeeWee was doing in goal. They were mistaken - he was a Tyke, but stood head and shoulders above the net, and weighed more than one of our coaches! We were thankful he was in the net and not skating around. The Rockets came on the ice rather ticked that they had to wear Bobcaygeon Cougar jerseys because of colour coordination. Jessie MacKay blasted one in the net halfway through the first to get the Rockets on the scoreboard, but Cannington equalized before the end of the period. By the third period of play, Cannington were up 4 - 1. Shayne Gillick, sick as he was, scored halfway through the third unassisted to get the team closer but that was all the team could muster in this match. Final score: Cannington 4 - Rockets 2. Jonathan Belbin made some excellent saves between the pipes or the score would have been a lot higher as Cannington pretty well dominated this game.

They next matched with Manvers back in our home jerseys. Steven Meharrie went in net to give Jonathan a turn at playing out. Not many shots came Steve's way, but he was able to make a few good saves.

The Rockets totally controlled this game, and they particularly enjoyed doing this coming off the earlier loss. Special mention to this team's coaching staff of Tony DeCarlo, Mark Bowman and Dave Gillick who throughout the game spent their time teaching kids positions and passing from the bench and letting them know what they did right and wrong. This resulted in some excellent passing and chances for everyone to earn some points. A real team effort. Final score: Rockets 13 - Manvers 2. Jessie MacKay scored two and four assists, Jonathon Belbin, two goals were very first goals of the year and three assists, Galen Bowman scored two goals and a hat trick of assists, Adam DeCarlo scored a hat trick and one assist, Shayne Gillick, three goals and one assist after the pizza came up, Daniel Riley, one goal, Christopher Roberts, one assist.

Now it was time to go for the B Championship with just a one-hour break after their last game. They were matched up with Minden who they had tied in a regular season match-up. There was a lot of back and forth play and the Tykes worked really hard despite being tired. Minden got on the scoreboard first and managed another two in the second period. The Rockets were able to hold them off from any more goals for the third period and foiled the shutout thanks to a beautiful pass from Shayne Gillick onto the tape of Galen Bowman's stick who put it away with only 22 seconds left in the game. Steven Meharrie did an excellent job in goal making several super saves. Final score: Minden 3 - Rockets 1. Congratulations for being consolation finalist. Good job boys and get well Shayne. Our one-armed bandit Travis MacKay has been working on getting that cast off and should be back before Christmas - well ahead of schedule as predicted.

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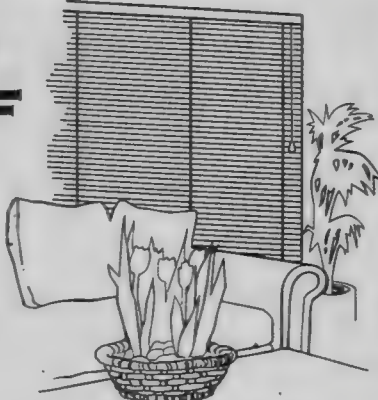
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Schools may ask sponsors to fill funding gap

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Tuesday evening's meeting of the Haliburton County Board of Education's education committee.

In the wake of ever-declining government funding, Haliburton's school board plans to turn to corporate sponsorship to make up for lost revenue.

Trustees and board administrators are now putting together the policy that could open the doors of the board's schools to local businesses and international corporations, such as Coke and Pepsi, to advertise their products in return for cold cash and equipment.

"Our schools can't wait for us to pass a policy because they're going to be entrepreneurial as all get out," director of education Brad Saunders told trustees.

The proposed policy trustees took a first look at Tuesday night would require any donation, sponsorship or advertisement to be related to the educational, recreational or cultural interests of the students and have a "demonstrable benefit" for them.

Ads for alcohol and tobacco products, as well as other unde-

finied "controversial products," would not be permitted.

"After that it's a pretty open field," said superintendent of education Dale Robinson.

He noted that advertisers such as the Milk Marketing Board and soft drink companies are already sponsoring a number of school boards.

Both Coke and Pepsi have provided score boards for many schools in return for advertising their brand name on the side of the equipment, he said.

"It's also becoming more common for companies to want to have their message appear on computers as screen savers," Robinson noted.

Committee members were concerned that the full board should be given an opportunity to discuss proposed sponsorships and advertisements before they receive approval.

Saunders said the draft policy proposes to allow senior administration to approve decisions regarding ads and sponsorship. Their decisions would then go to the board, which would have veto powers.

Robinson pointed out to trustees the policy is in a preliminary draft form at this stage and they will have further opportuni-

ties to have input on its stipulations.

Student exchanges

After several local students recently travelled to Quebec in an attempt to convince Quebecers to vote No in their referendum, board chairwoman Wendy Ladurantaye wondered whether the board could help foster closer ties between Quebec and the rest of Canada through student exchanges.

She asked HHSS French teacher Wayne Cooper to give trustees a brief overview of several student exchange programs available between high schools in Ontario and Quebec.

By far, The Rotary Club offers the best, most comprehensive exchange program of all, Cooper said.

"I don't think there is anything we could do that would top what the Rotary does," he said. "They are really excellent."

But there is also a very good program operated by a private company that would send a student from HHSS to Quebec for three months and then bring a Quebec student to the school for three months.

Even in just three months, stu-

dents can improve their language abilities greatly, Cooper said.

The school could consider resuming summer exchanges, which it participated in up until a few years ago.

He also mentioned an exchange that would send an HHSS student to France for a week, in return for hosting a French student for the same length of time. However, the cost of that program, \$1,460 per student, may be prohibitively high.

Trustees said they would look into the possibility of getting involved in the six-month student exchange program with Quebec.

Cleaning up

Grade 4 students from Bernie Davis's class at Archie Stouffer Elementary School gave a presentation before the committee, showing trustees what they are doing to cut back the amount of garbage the class sends to the landfill.

The young environmentalists have been learning about recycling, composting and re-using, and have tried to put their newfound knowledge to practical

uses in the classroom.

After reading a recent article in The Echo about a waste audit carried out for the board by a group of OAC chemistry students, the Grade 4s wrote letters asking to appear at a board meeting so they could let trustees know what they have found out about recycling.

The delegation also gave committee members a few tips on how the board could make it easier for other classes to get into the habit of cutting down waste.

The students sort their garbage everyday into three recycling bins and a garbage can. They have one bin for cans and bottles, one for paper products and one for compostable materials, which are reused outside.

"Even though we recycle the fine paper, there is nowhere for us to take it," one little boy explained. He recommended the board set up some method of making sure fine paper can be recycled.

Rather than simply throwing out the paper, the class reuses the paper in any way it can, said one student.

Recycling has become more than just a class project for the students. It's become a habit.

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A journey in faith

Mission to Africa changes four Highlanders' perceptions

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

AS A YOUNG GIRL growing up in Holland, Maria VanLieshout used to wonder about the lives of missionaries.

Their travels mystified her. She wanted to know where they went and why.

Their tales of distant countries and different cultures absorbed her thoughts.

Decades later, the Stanhope resident has finally satisfied her curiosity after spending three weeks travelling through one of Africa's poorest countries with a long-time friend and missionary.

But she was not alone in her curiosity. Her husband, Larry, as well as two friends, sisters Rose Barry and Betty Smith, also made the trip to Zambia.

And all of them came back to the Highlands with a clearer understanding of not just poverty, but also real happiness and deep faith in God.

"The people are so poor, poor, poor, it's not funny," said Mrs. VanLieshout. "But they're so happy. They just beam."

The four Highlanders were the guests of Father Ray Fortin, a missionary from Quebec, who has spent the past 39 years in Zambia with the Missionaries of Africa (formerly known as the White Fathers).

It was the White Fathers, which had a strong base in

Holland, who first picqued Mrs. VanLieshout's interest in missionary work.

She and her husband became friends with Father Fortin about 20 years ago and have helped support his efforts in Zambia.

When the couple and their two friends decided to make the trip to Africa (from Oct. 18 to Nov. 8), Father Fortin agreed to show them the work he and his fellow missionaries are doing.

They travelled a 2,000-kilometre loop around the northern part of the ravaged country, stopping off at churches, make-shift hospitals and schools the mission has established.

And along the way they saw a great deal of poverty, disease and death.

They visited one priest who had just conducted nine funerals in a week, including one day when there were three. All of the deaths were caused by AIDS.

In another village, they huddled together in prayer with a woman who lay dying of AIDS on the cement floor of a hut.

They visited a hospital where there were 60 patients for just 20 beds. Many of the ill lay sleeping on the floor beneath occupied beds, while their families camped out on the front lawn.

But in the face of all that misery, they also saw people who, because they have so little else, deal on a level of love and faith that can often be buried in countries with material wealth.



DEEPER FAITH, CLEARER UNDERSTANDING: Rose Barry, Betty Smith and Larry and Maria VanLieshout say their trip to Zambia taught them a lot about their faith and the missionaries' vital work.

It was nothing any of them had expected to find.

"I think when we went on this trip we left with preconceived ideas, but it ended up as a journey in faith," said Mrs. Barry. "I was looking for jungle and animals and everything else, but what it came down to was the people. Nothing else was as important."

The Haliburton group brought with them many gifts to give Father Fortin's mission, as well as some of the other missions they visited.

They brought 20 soccer balls, which they bought for a reduced price at Sharpley's, hundreds of pencils they bought cheaply at Master's Bookstore, hundreds of small bars of soap donated by the Wigamog and other soaps and shampoos from local drug stores.

They also gave the mission donations from

St. Anthony's in Haliburton, Our Lady of Fatima in Minden, and donations from individuals.

The Zambians were very thankful and gracious for all the gifts they received, said Mr. VanLieshout.

Each missionary is given the equivalent of only about \$2 per day by their diocese, which doesn't take them far. They rely heavily on donations for the rest of the money they need to build schools, churches and irrigation systems.

Currently, the Missionaries of Africa is trying to get help from sponsors to send young orphans to school so they will have a chance for a better life.

Father Fortin told the group there are about 400,000 orphans in Zambia presently. With the high number of parents dying from malaria and AIDS, that figure is expected to rise to more

than one million over the next few years.

It costs only \$36 per year to send a young child to elementary school or \$60 to fund a secondary school student's education, said Mrs. Barry.

At the end of their stay in Africa, the group decided to go see one of the continent's most famous landmarks, Victoria Falls, near the border of neighbouring Zimbabwe.

But after staying with the missionaries for three weeks and watching them help Zambia's population try to climb out from under their country's crushing poverty, they felt uncomfortable in the tourist trap's fine hotels and restaurants.

"We had a beautiful hotel with a beautiful swimming pool, but all the same we felt we had lost what had before," said Mr. VanLieshout.

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Natives, hunters debate deer season

by KIM NICOLE HOSEY
Eganville Leader

A petition calling for an end to the extended deer hunting season enjoyed by Natives received 800 signatures in Maynooth on Friday.

"What we'd like to accomplish with this petition is to set (the native) deer hunting season the same as everybody else's," said Jim Green, organizer of the petition. "Instead of shooting in deep snow."

Under the terms of the hunting agreement, signed this fall by the Golden Lake First Nation and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Algonquin hunters are allotted 175 deer, to be taken between September 15, 1995 and January 15, 1996.

"The deer harvest is part of an annual food-gathering tradition practised by our people from time immemorial," stated Algonquin Chief Robert Whiteduck. "We have sacred and inherent rights to hunt and fish...rights that are recognized by the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario. We will not give up those rights."

Residents in the Maynooth area who signed the petition are hopeful one season for everybody will cut down on hunting abuses they claim are regular occurrences on the Peterson Road in Maynooth.

"There seems to be no limit to what they can shoot," said Mr. Green. "One particular man was coming out of there with five and six deer every day for 10

days."

Peterson Road runs along a deer feeding yard operated privately by local citizens.

The yard, approximately 20 miles long and 10 miles wide, feeds between 4,000 and 5,000 deer.

But residents say although the deer need feeding now, they can't begin the program until after January 15.

They say deer coming out to the feeders would be easy game for Native hunters who, they

claim, have been shooting from the road, and from within their vehicles - both scenarios which are illegal for anyone to practice.

The Algonquins aren't without their complaints too.

Native hunters have reported being followed, harassed, photographed and videotaped as they hunt.

"Some Algonquin hunters have been treated like trespassers on their own land," said Chief Whiteduck. "In fact, Native hunters have broken no laws...no Algonquin laws, no Canadian laws, no Ontario laws."

"They should not have suffered these invasions of their rights to peace and privacy as they conducted the harvest."

According to Chief Whiteduck, as of December 6, Algonquins had harvested roughly 50 deer within the entire claim area. He said, by contrast, non-Native sport hunters take some 11,000 to 16,000 deer annually from the same area.

But Mr. Green said those who are abusing the extended hunting season aren't reporting everything they're taking.

He estimates roughly 100 deer have been taken.

He pointed out too, the prob-

lems encountered on the Peterson Road aren't originating in Golden Lake.

"This problem isn't coming from Golden Lake...if the truth was known they'd be just as mad about this as we are," stressed Mr. Green.

Several Natives did sign the petition on Friday.

"I agree the closing of the season should be the same for everybody," said Mary Campbell, a full-blooded, Mohawk from the Bay of

Quinte.

The petition, and others like it which were signed in Oshawa, Trenton and Belleville, will be sent to MNR minister Chris Hodgson.

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters has also urged the minister to take action.

Mr. Green said he hopes that action can be implemented before tensions begin to rise.

"I'm afraid if it's not stopped there will be more than venison blood shed."

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Snowmobilers welcome snow

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

While the abundance of snow is a boon for the winter economy, the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association is cautioning snowmobilers to stay away from bodies of water until we get a few more continuous days of cold temperatures.

"We're grooming all the dry land trails but we're not going to groom anything leading to or from water yet," says HCSA President Brian Watts.

After two years of poor snow conditions, the problem this year was the amount of rain in November. The ground was still soggy and the rivers were quite full before the snow arrived. As well, weather watcher Jim Elstone says the deep but light snow is acting as an insulator. Because the ground isn't completely frozen, many trails which cross over wet areas cannot be groomed until we get a few

more days of really cold weather.

"We're worried the ice on the lake is not thick enough yet," Watts added. "We want to make sure that people stay away from lakes until we say they're safe. What I always tell people is that if the club has staked a trail across a lake using reflective tape, it's safe. If there's no marking, don't run it, it's not safe."

Elstone says the club's caution is warranted. As Monday's frosty mist proved, the water is still much warmer than the air. Ice on Head Lake is only 5" deep and other lakes are not yet frozen over. And yet the snow gives the impression the ice is safe.

A thaw is needed to condense the snow and build up a good, solid base, says Elstone. This would also make it easier for groomers.

Other problems for the HCSA—such as the damage caused by the July 15 storm which swept through forests

across the county—have already been dealt with. Watts praised county and municipal governments for their help in cleaning up the damage. There are only two sections to be cleared, and the HCSA has received a work grant for the project.

He adds that maintenance for groomers has not taken as long as usual because the groomers were out so seldom last winter.

Meanwhile, the HCSA and snowmobile dealers have been bombarded with phone calls from people wanting to snowmobile in the Highlands.

"It's great—I'm probably the happiest I've been in years," says Watts, commenting on the snow that just keeps coming. "I'm looking forward to a super year and I think the resorts and businesses should feel the same. The snow is here to stay and we've got a good jump on it."

People with feeders invited to take part in annual bird count

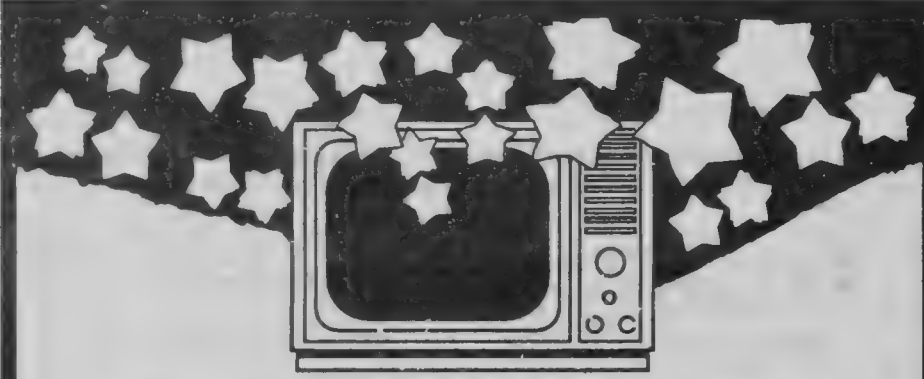
by DENNIS BARRY
Special to the Echo

Since the scene in Haliburton County has been a wintry one since early November, most people have stocked their bird feeders weeks ago and are enjoying visits from the large chickadee flocks that have remained in the area. Evening grosbeaks are about as well, with the colourful yellow males seeming to predominate.

Two kinds of finches that were absent last winter are back. You are more likely to see flocks of robin-sized pine grosbeaks along the roadside than at your feeder. Redpolls are here too. They seem to take a while to find a feeder, but as the winter progresses you can expect more and more of them to visit. As the winter passes the dull outer covering on their feathers wears off to reveal brighter pinks.

The poor cone crop this year has led to the disappearance of purple finches and pine siskins. A few goldfinches have remained at feeders. They are especially fond of niger seed.

The pool wild food crop means that the success of this year's Christmas bird count is even more dependent on locating birds that are visiting feeders. If you would like to add your list of December 16 feeder visitors, phone Dennis Barry or Pearl Barry at 286-1189 between 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 16, or between 7:30 a.m. and noon on Sunday, December 17. The count area is a 15-mile diameter circle centered about 2 miles southeast of Minden. If you would like to go along on the actual count call Ed Poropat at 457-3018 or Ron Pittaway at 286-3471.



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For the past year, "home" for Lachlan, Ben, Rochelle, John and Tracey Smith has been on the hill overlooking Haliburton village. But on December 23, they're leaving that home for their home in Wagga Wagga, Australia and they're not sure whether to be happy or sad.

by **MARTHA PERKINS**
Editor

BLAME IT ON the Smiths. They wanted snow so they could show off to their friends who were visiting from Australia. Now their friends, suitably impressed, have left but the snow just keeps on coming.

The Smiths love it. Then again, they would — they're going back to Australia where they'll be greeted by 35° summer temperatures. Sunshine doesn't create anything that you need to shovel off or drive through.

"Snow is the best," says 16-year-old Ben Smith about the highlight of a year on exchange in Haliburton. He and his brother Lachlan, 13, and sister Rochelle, 11, have done enough skiing, skating and tobogganing to last them a lifetime back home in Wagga Wagga, Australia.

"The snow is so different and new and it's always there," he says.

The snow also created one of the worst memories for the siblings and their parents, John and Tracey, who exchanged homes, jobs and friends with Bonnie Amson and her two children, Tobin and Kaelan. Shortly after the Smiths arrived in Haliburton last December, they decided to drive to Niagara Falls during one of the season's worst snow storms. It was tough enough making their way down the

hill from their home over-looking Haliburton village, but the trip along the QEW was no toboggan ride for a family which was accustomed to driving on the opposite side of bare and dry highways. One of their first lessons on how to be a Canadian was listening to the winter road reports.

Twelve months later, the Smiths have survived three other seasons, driven across Canada to the Rockies and then down to the Grand Canyon and back, oohed and awed at the colourful autumn panorama outside their livingroom window, cursed the blood-thirsty arrival of blackflies and mosquitoes, watched the Statue of Liberty emerge through the mist, discovered that Canadians make an art of Hallowe'en, sat glued to their television as Quebeckers voted on the future of Canada and made more friends than they ever thought possible.

"We came here with the attitude we'll do anything," says Mr. Smith, and the community has responded in kind. The Smiths have been included in every sort of social and recreational function, including Mrs. Smith's honorary membership in "The Giggle Girls" monthly get-together. She's been astounded by the way her fellow staff at JDHES has welcomed her into the fold, and just how much the teachers do together, both in school and on weekends.

"Teaching's been so enjoyable I wonder if it will ever be the same," she says, giving part of the credit to Chris Bailey and Pat Bain with whom she's team teaching Grade 3 students.

However, the Smiths now have to pay for all this fun and mutual affection. Their year-long exchange comes to an end December 23 and they have to say goodbye to the place and people they've grown to love.

"Bittersweet has a brand new meaning for me," says Mrs. Smith, who while looking forward to seeing family and friends back home in Wagga Wagga, wishes that didn't mean having to leave Haliburton. "I couldn't have believed we'd have such a good time here. We could never have hoped for so much."

"It's been like a fantasy," adds her husband, who spent the first part of the exchange as a Mr. Mom — his kids say he's a great cook — and then worked for Barry Butler at Highlands Cedar Homes in Camarvon.

"The year has been unreal in every sense of the word," he says with amazement. "You've got to pinch yourself all the time."

"It's like a holiday for 12 months," says Mrs. Smith. "We kept saying 'We can't be here, the Smiths from Wagga.'"

Almost to their surprise, Haliburton became their home with all that entails.

Instead of being awestruck Australians here for a visit, they were Highlanders with a special appreciation for the discoveries which each new day brought.

This past summer, the Smiths returned a few days early from their cross-country sightseeing odyssey. After phoning her parents from some of the places most Australians will only read about in books, Mrs. Smith phoned her mother and said "Guess where I'm phoning from now? We're home."

"My mother said 'how did you get here so soon?'," assuming that home meant Wagga.

After dropping by Vancouver and Los Angeles on the way, home will indeed be Wagga by this time next month. The kids say one of the first things they'll do is eat fish and chips and meat pies, which Canadians don't make like Australians. They'll visit their friends, who will probably tease them about their "accent" and join their parents in the whirlwind of happy visits to their numerous relatives.

Perhaps it won't be until they're all together at night when one of them will ask "I wonder what they're doing at home... Ooops, I mean Haliburton."

Some of their friends are hosting a farewell open house at the Smiths' house on Sunday, December 17 from 2 to 5 p.m.. Everyone is welcome to drop by.



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A volunteer with a cause

*Stanhope's
Citizen of the
Year isn't a
shy wallflower*

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Stanhope resident Darlene Johnson is the first one to admit that she can sometimes be a bit pushy, even a little opinionated.

But it's only because she cares about her community.

And that's what makes her such a committed volunteer.

Ironically, it's also what made her skip last Saturday's Christmas dinner in Stanhope, where she was named the municipality's Citizen of the Year.

Johnson boycotted the dinner because she didn't agree with Stanhope council's decision to tender the function's catering, which led to a caterer from outside the township being given the job.

She felt the municipality should've tried harder to find a local caterer.

It's tough to argue with the tendering process, which names the lowest bidder, but everybody



YOU CAN'T DO IT ALONE: Darlene Johnson, named this year's Stanhope Citizen of the Year, says she owes much of what she has helped accomplish for the municipality to her colleagues on the recreation committee, including Jim Hicks, Kim Johnson, Myrlene Foster and Karen Cummings.

has a right to their own opinion.

And Johnson has a lot of them.

She tries to express them in positive ways, making the township she has called home for the past 17 years a better place to live for her neighbours and a

better place to visit for the many people who cottage and holiday in Stanhope.

Johnson says she "discovered" volunteering about four years ago. Since then she's turned it into a full-time job.

"I probably spend about as much time volunteering as someone who works," she says. "I find it amusing when people say they don't have enough time to volunteer because they work ... Everybody has an hour or two they can give."

Johnson began volunteering her time for the fire department, where her husband, Dave, is a volunteer firefighter, by keeping a fire phone in her home.

She and four other women answer the phones on a rotating schedule to dispatch firefighters in cases of emergency.

But the area she has spent the most of her time and energy over the past few years has been recreation.

She's been the chairwoman of both Stanhope's recreation committee and the Fun Day organizing committee since 1993.

Her father-in-law, Elvin Johnson, a former deputy-reeve of Stanhope and council member, has been a large influence on her interest in improving the municipality's recreational opportunities.

"I still go to him for advice," said Johnson.

Last summer Johnson helped organize the municipality's effort to get government funding through the Environmental Youth Corps. program to begin blazing a network of scenic hik-

ing trails.

She oversaw the student work crews as they reopened old trails that hadn't been used in a long time and cut new ones to create a 20-kilometre route system with four trails.

When she wasn't working on the trail program, Johnson was either getting ready for another Fun Day or working at the municipality's swim program.

And when she's not involved with recreational programs, she is usually sitting at her computer at home putting together promotional material for various service groups and functions. She also prepares the minutes and paperwork for the Haliburton Highlands Literacy Program.

Johnson gives credit to the many others she works with on volunteer committees for the recognition she has received.

"One person is not a committee," she says. "I might be the pushy one of the group, but the others all have their good points and are a good working group."

In the wake of huge funding cuts recently announced by the province, volunteers are going to have to take on an even greater role, Johnson says.

"I think with Mr. Harris and his mighty scissors, volunteers are going to become one of the most important things to townships."

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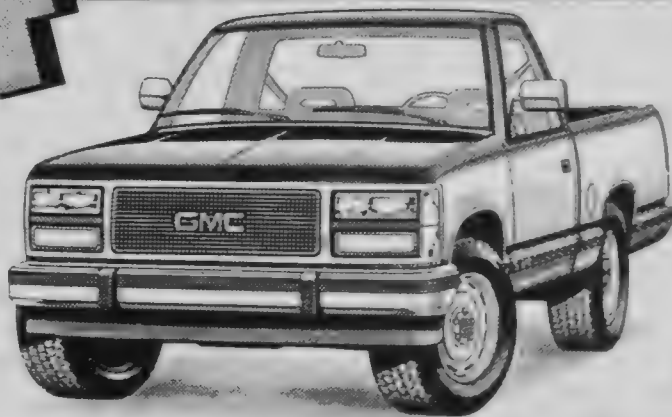
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A special community Christmas

The Stanhope Firefighters outdid themselves this year with their annual Christmas party for children on Saturday. The trip through the snow was worth it for the dozens of children who made their way to the newly renovated hall. Santa arrived a short time later with bags full of beautifully wrapped gifts. Some people who attended are, clockwise from top left: Leanne Guyatt as one of the three kings; Trevor Cook, Michael Cook, Robbie Ashwood and Brad and Jeff Mickle, who plotted who would get what; Brett Hicks and his best friend Mikaela Charlebois; Clare Treharne holding Hailly Johnson-Perrin and daughter Emma; and Sarah Nicholls and Kelly Lawr



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The students have been busy practising their songs and performances, and learning how to play their recorders, in order to entertain us all. I have heard rumours that even Santa himself will be taking time off from his last minute list checking to enjoy the evening.

On Sunday, the 17th of December the children of the Gooderham Pentecostal Church will put on their Christmas concert at 7 p.m. There will be treats for everyone following the performance.

The young performers will be treated to a pancake breakfast at the church, after their Sunday School classes in the morning, followed by their dress rehearsal.

Euchre results for Thursday, November 30 are: men's high score - Mike Collins; lone hand - Bob Winder; women's high score - Helen McCarthy; lone hand - Betty Hill; low score - Mabel Winder. The last euchre meeting for '95 was on December 7. Euchre will resume again in the new year.

Gooderham Elementary School "Student of the Week" is Khristen Schultz. Khristen, who is in Kindergarten, is being recognized for her meticulous colouring.

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News

Anne Costeloe

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Gooderham seniors club digs deep for info centre, presents donation of \$760

Elsie Brown, president of the Gooderham Seniors Club presented a cheque for \$760 to the Haliburton County Information Centre. Treasurer Ken MacLeod and Executive Director Tiia Billings accepted the donation with the following response:

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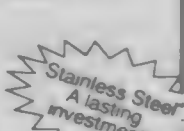
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Dorset: Group 'jams' at kids' Xmas party

by PHYLLIS BRISCOE

We wish a happy birthday to Jacqueline Timbers, Donald

McEachern, Rylan Villard and Weldon Tracey who celebrates on December 7.

The annual Dorset Children's

Christmas Party was December 9. Children's entertainers, Jam Can Sandwich, were at the centre along with a very jolly spe-

cial guest. It was sponsored by The Ministry of the Environment and Energy.

Would anyone believe that winter doesn't begin until December 21? Me thinks someone got their signals mixed. It was either in the late 50s or early 60s that there was an early accumulation of snow, but a warm spell arrived and it all disappeared and there was a green Christmas. It even rained on Christmas day. Surely, with the amount of snow on the ground now, it couldn't happen this year, but keep your fingers crossed.

The Muskoka Ballet Gala presented at the Deerhurst Theatre was an outstanding performance of superb entertainment. Brenda Cunningham Moran, founding director, is to be congratulated on her very successful effort at hosting the event.

There were many talented dancers from various dance studios from various cities throughout the province who participated in the program, including the National Ballet School.

There were two little Dorset girls, Jesse Ryan and Brianna McKey, who were in the perfor-

mance. The girls study at the Huntsville School of Ballet. This, of course, added to our interest, and we were very proud of them.

The snowmobilers, of course, are taking advantage of the early snow to get their machines activated, even though the authorities say that the trails have not been groomed yet and may be dangerous. The smaller lakes are frozen but the larger lakes are still open water. We hope the venturesome ones will be cautious and not get into trouble.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Christmas trees and decorations everywhere you go. We hope it will be a good one for one and all and that it will be a white one.

The first meeting of the Dorset Senior Club will be Wednesday, January 3, 1996. There will be a finger food lunch at 12 noon.

H.H. If you turn down the heat at night and like to read in bed, slip your arms into your robe with the inside back facing you. It can just be slipped off when you are ready to put out the light and tossed to the foot of the bed.



TASTY ERUPTION: Ryan Hutson, Andrew Sachs and Devin Ryan were among the three Grade 6 classes at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School who got a real taste for science last week when guest science teacher Larry Doyle showed them how to use harmless ingredients such as citric acid, Jello and baking soda to make edible volcanoes.

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NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLAMORGAN TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF STORMY LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter 302, Section 298 and Section 301 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Township Council of the Corporation of the Township of Glamorgan proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Gooderham, Ontario on Tuesday, the 19th day of December, 1995, a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in Front of Lot 28, Concession XIII, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, being Part 1 on the Preliminary Plan of Survey dated the 18th day of July, 1995 made by Paul Wilson, Ontario Land Surveyor (building envelope survey)

The preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Township of Glamorgan office, Gooderham, Ontario.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Township of Glamorgan shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard.

DATED at GOODERHAM, Ontario this 21st day of November, 1995.

GLEN MADILL,
CLERK-TREASURER



Municipality of Dysart et al

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, January 15th, 1996, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the road allowance for the West Settlement Road located in Part of Lot 1, Concession II in the Township of Harburn, in the County of Haliburton. **WHICH SAID PARCEL** or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Part 3 on a preliminary plan of survey prepared by C.T. Strongman, Ontario Land Surveyor, and dated October 31, 1995, being available for inspection of the Planning Administrator at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

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BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** is available for review at the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 1st day of December, 1995.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Planning Administrator

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Hilda Clark
448-2018

The annual Wild Game Dinner at the Wilberforce Legion Hall on December 2 provided a fine feast for about 150 people. It included venison stew, rabbit pie, moose steak, roast moose, moose balls, roast beaver and trout! For the tamer, less adventurous palate there was delicious turkey, sweet and sour pork (wild boar?), and cabbage rolls. Lots of vegetables and home-made pies rounded out the menu. The Ladies Auxiliary pitched in as usual to help Branch 624 make this undertaking a success. Minnie Compton once again outdid herself preparing the tasty wild meats. Gord Clark was the lucky winner of the food hamper raffled by the L.A.

Lots of action at the Monmouth Curling Club this

year! Most evenings and several afternoons more folks than ever are enjoying this popular winter sport. There's a non-smoking league on Sunday afternoon (aren't we progressive!), the seniors are in rare form and we expect some of senior classes from the public school for lessons in the new year. The

Turkey Bonspiel was a fun time, and teams are already signing up for the popular Family Feud Spiel on January 12 and 13.

The Wilberforce United Church is hosting the Community Carol Service on Sunday evening, December 17. Elsie Lewis is getting the vocal chords of the ever-expanding

Ecumenical Choir into shape for this annual event. Practise a little and join the celebration. The refreshments served afterwards are always tasty!

The sympathy of the community goes out to Bruce Gibbs and his family in the death recently of Jean. A quiet, gentle lady, Jean had experienced poor

health in the last months. She had been hospitalized for only a short while, thanks to Bruce's devoted care at home. Jean's love of flowers was evident to anyone fortunate enough to be given a tour of the Gibbs garden.

Margaret (Peggy) Ferguson passed away on December 6. Her smile and pleasant manner has been missed around the village, especially by her friends at the Seniors' Club, for some time. She has been a resident at Extendicare in Haliburton. Sincere condolences are extended to Peggy's daughter, Adele Barnes, and her family in their time of sadness.

With all the excitement of Christmas Concerts, shopping and parties, it is good to know many people do think of others by giving to the Four Cs through churches and other agencies.

Sorry to hear that Kay Leach is in St. Joseph's Hospital, Peterborough, due to a broken hip. She has been living at Extendicare for several years.

Flu cancels kids' visit at Extendicare

by BARB FRYER

Last Wednesday we were very disappointed to turn the Lakeside Baptist Church mothers and children away at the door. We had a couple of Residents come down with the flu, and were afraid of the children catching it. Fortunately they were isolated cases and everyone is fine now.

The Legion Ladies Auxiliary were unable to come on Thursday for the Tea, because of them having ill and busy members. We look forward to seeing them next month.

Pastor Paul Benson led the Church service on Friday morning. In the afternoon we watched a great family movie called "A Hobo's Christmas",

and in the evening Pastor Bob Power and his group put on a little Christmas Concert which was definitely the highlight of our week. It was beautiful, Thank You!

Please don't forget about our Annual Country Christmas on Sunday Dec. 17th 2-4pm. for family and friends of Residents.

I would also like to let people who purchased one of those snowmen and Santa Claus figures which we made that some of the glue is not holding in the cold. I have no idea which glue it is since we made so many. So if the eyes or buttons fall off just glue them back on with a glue gun, or use a 1" finishing nail and they won't come off again. If you've lost the button in the snow we have lots of spares. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

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THE FAMILY OF the late Jean Gibbs wish to thank all our friends and neighbours for their prayers, phone calls, many cards, support and help in so many ways, during Jean's lengthy illness while she was at home and during her stay in hospital. Special thanks to the doctors and nurses at Haliburton Hospital, the VON for their every ready help and advice, The Haliburton County Home Support for their help in so many ways, the members of St. Margaret's Church for a much appreciated lunch following the funeral, the Rev. Christopher Greaves for his concern, friendly visits and prayers, the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home for the professional manner and concern in the arranging of the funeral. We are surely blessed with so many caring people in our community. **Bruce Gibbs and family.**

340 BIRTHS

WRIGHT - David and Shelley are thankful for a baby son born November 15, 1995 in Timmins Hospital at 8:51 a.m., weighing 9 lbs., 3 oz.

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390 DEATH NOTICES

AT REST
BIRD, JOHN MAXWELL: At the St. Catharines General Hospital on Tuesday, December 5, 1995 in his 77th year. Beloved husband of Evelyn (Robertson). Loving father of Cathy and her husband Joe Finelli of Mississauga, Paul and his wife Penny of St. Catharines and Andrew and his wife Mary of Wasaga Beach. Dear grandfather of 5 grandchildren. Survived by his sisters Doreen Cowen and Bernice and her husband Harry Fowler. Brother-in-law of Ruby Bird and Gloria Bird. Funeral services were held at Facer St. Baptist Church, 17 Facer Street, St. Catharines on Friday, December 8, 1995 at 11 a.m. Interment will take place at Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. Donations to Facer St. Baptist Church, 17 Facer Street, St. Catharines L2M 5H1 or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated. Butler Funeral Home (905) 646-6322.

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Daughter of James Turner and Alice Oliver; wife of the late Ross Ferguson, mother of Adele Barnes of Wilberforce and mother-in-law of Vic McGregor of Newmarket. Predeceased by her daughter Marilyn and by her son-in-law Blake. Survived by eight grandchildren and predeceased by one grandchild. Predeceased by her brothers Robert and Ivan. Funeral service was held on Friday, December 8 at the Baragar Funeral Home, Bancroft. Spring interment at South Wilberforce Cemetery.

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AT REST
JOHNSTON, GLEN A. - At Scarborough General Hospital on Friday, December 8, 1995. Glen Johnston of R.R. #4, Peterborough in his 70th year. Beloved husband of Joan Johnston (nee Billingsley). Dear father of Rod and his wife Dianne of Peterborough. Loving Papa of Morgan and Adam. Brother of Blanche Minns of Barrie and the late Ross Johnston. Son of the late Ed Johnston and Myrtle McCrea. Friends were received at the Comstock Funeral Home, 356 Rubidge Street, Peterborough on Sunday, December 10th. Service was held from All Saints Anglican Church on Monday, December 11th at 10:30 a.m., the Reverend J. Michael A. Wright officiated. Interment Lakefield Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the All Saints Anglican Church Heritage Trust Fund would be appreciated by the family.

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MACDUFF, LLOYD - In loving memory of a dear Grandpa who passed away December 11, 1990.

The hardest thing in life to bear is to want you Grandpa and you're not there. With a broken heart we whisper low God bless you Grandpa, we love you so. Loved and sadly missed by grandchildren, **ReNeé and Kenton, Casey and Jason, and Julie Bowen.**

MACDUFF, LLOYD - In loving memory of a dear husband who passed away December 11, 1990. They say that time heals everything But I know this isn't so Because it hurts just as much today As it did five years ago. Our family chain is broken now And nothing seems the same But as God calls us one by one The chain will link again. Always loved and sadly missed by wife **Jean.**

410 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the matter of the estate of Mary Richmond Hannah
All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of the late Mary Richmond Hannah, of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 14th day of November, 1995, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 26th day of December, 1995. AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Executor/Administrator of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice. Dated at Haliburton, Ontario this 28th day of November, 1995. **RAYMOND G. SELBIE**, Barrister, Solicitor, P.O. Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the matter of the estate of Olive Muriel Atkinson
All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of the late Olive Muriel Atkinson, of the Township of Monmouth, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 13th day of November, 1995, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 19th day of December, 1995. AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Executor/Administrator of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice. Dated at Haliburton, Ontario this 21st day of November, 1995. **RAYMOND G. SELBIE**, Barrister, Solicitor, P.O. Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0. CA

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The centre was alive to the sounds of square dance tunes as 50 people gathered to enjoy this recreation on Thursday, November 30. On Friday the centre was busy with the Farmers' Association pot luck dinner and meeting. The agricultural representative from Lindsay was the special guest with the 40 who were present. Chinese auction provided fun and some funds after the supper.

Women on Snow also occupied a section of the centre on November 30. The centre is kept clean and tidy by Cheryl Nicholls who also take the bookings for centre events.

Our St. Andrew's Day service, November 30 was held in St. Andrew's Church and led by the Rev. Christopher Greaves who also joined a guitar band of six as they played

and sang for us following the brief service. Also there to demonstrate the versatility of our new keyboard was Kathleen Owens who played "Star of the East". Marjery Cartwright performed two selections on recorder to harp accompaniment on keyboard. There was a minimal amount of jammin' while refreshments were being appreciated in the basement afterwards.

Congratulations to Bob, son of Marty and Vicki Sisson, on his excellent performance as he starred in "Love Affair with Hollywood" by Cassie Weyrich.

Sunday Supper Club saw 27 present for the Christmas party on December 3. Turkey dinner was served and gifts exchanged, poems read and carols sung. Everyone had a good time and plans continue for first supper in the new year on January 7 at the centre.

Congratulations to Gerald Morrison on attaining his qualification as Chartered Accountant. Gerald is the son of Perry and Kay Morrison and is presently employed in Guelph, Ontario.

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